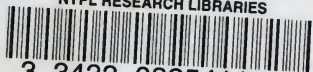


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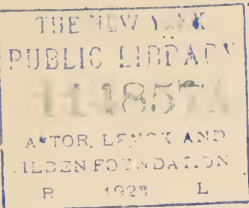


BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES
OF
MEMBERS
OF THE
INDIANA STATE GOVERNMENT,
STATE AND JUDICIAL OFFICIALS,
AND
MEMBERS OF THE 51st LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

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EXPLANATORY.

Obstacles almost insurmountable are in the way of a series of correct biographical and personal sketches, such as are herein presented. Gentlemen are dilatory about furnishing even data or statistical information, feeling a delicacy about sounding their own praises, or fear that such an inference might be drawn. The publishers of this volume have spared no trouble nor pains to make these biographies, in brief, true as to the record of each man's deeds—"giving unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's." Many of the sketches have been written by the talented poetess, Mrs. Emily Thornton Charles, who, over the *nom de plume* of Emily Hawthorne, has contributed so largely to the best literature of Indiana, and Rev. W. W. Hibben, the well-known "Jefferson" of the Sentinel. The scissors have been brought into use also to obtain information from the newspaper exchanges, and a few sketches have been furnished by personal friends of the members.

Trusting the little volume may stand as a memorial of the General Assembly of Indiana of 1879, we remain,

Very respectfully,

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES.

JAMES DOUGLASS WILLIAMS,

GOVERNOR OF INDIANA,

Was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, January 16th, 1808. His parents were of Scotch-Irish blood on one side and Welch-English on the other—which combination may account for his strong qualities, mental and physical. His ancestors came to this country about the middle of the eighteenth century and adopted agriculture as a profession. George Williams, the father of the Governor settled in Ohio at an early day in the history of that State, from whence he removed to Indiana, settling in Knox county, where the Governor still resides. The opportunities for education of the present Governor of Indiana were limited to a few winter sessions of the very common schools taught by the old-fashioned pedagogue, whose scholastic attainments were bounded by the alphabet on one side and simple arithmetic on the other. His means of social culture were equally meagre, hence he is a plain, blunt man of strong common sense, a good representative of the hard working, honest yeomanry of the West. The father of Governor Williams died in 1828, leaving a family of six children of whom James was the eldest. He remained at home, assisting his mother in the care of his brothers and sisters, until his marriage in 1831 to Miss Nancy Hoffman, the daughter of a neighboring farmer, when he purchased a quarter section of wild land

and erecting a log cabin began the toilsome yet pleasant task of making a farm and making a home in the wilderness. On that farm he still resided with the wife of his youth and their children, but the farm has increased by repeated additions purchased from time to time, until it contains over two thousand acres, and the improvements are of the most substantial sort. (This in brief is a sketch of his domestic life).

His public career has been a marked and distinguished one, commencing in 1839 when he first entered upon his duties of Justice of the Peace in a small western community. In 1843 he was elected to the State Legislature, since which time he has been in public life almost constantly, having served seven years in the House of Representatives and twelve in the Senate, making fifteen years service in the State Legislature. In 1855 he was chosen to represent his district on the State Board of Agriculture, which position he filled for sixteen years, filling the office of president of that body for four years with marked ability. In 1874 he was elected to Congress from the Second Congressional District by the unprecedented majority of eight thousand votes. Even before his term in Congress had expired James Williams was nominated by the Democratic State Convention for Governor of Indiana in 1876, and was elected in October. While in Congress he was chairman of the Committee on Accounts; he prosecuted economy with such vigor that the force of clerks and employees was cut down one-third and a corresponding diminution in salaries was brought about. He has now filled the gubernatorial chair for two years to the entire satisfaction of the public.

Personally, Governor Williams is possessed of marked and rugged characteristics, being six feet four inches in height and weighing about one hundred and seventy pounds. He is always clad in a suit of Blue Jeans of which the yarn was spun and colored and the clothes made by the hands of his

wife. At the age of seventy-two his black hair is only slightly mingled with gray. He seems as young as a man of fifty, and is a splendid type of the rugged pioneer who hewed the way through trackless forests and reared the cabins of the early settlers.

ISAAC P. GRAY,

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR,

Is a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania, where his parents were born. They moved to Ohio in 1836. Governor Gray moved to Union City, Indiana, in 1855, where he still resides. Is by profession a lawyer. Was appointed by Governor Morton in 1862 Colonel of the 4th Indiana Cavalry. Also raised and organized the 147th Infantry in 1864. Was the candidate of the Anti-Julian party in 1866 for Congress. Was elected State Senator in 1868. In July, 1870, was appointed by President Grant consul to St. Thomas, and confirmed by the Senate, but declined the appointment. Was a delegate at large to the Liberal Republican National Convention of 1872, at Cincinnati, and appointed by the Convention member for Indiana of the National Committee. His name was placed before the Democratic State Convention of 1872 for Congressman at large, but was withdrawn by his orders. His name was again placed before the Democratic State Convention of 1874 for Attorney-General, and again withdrawn by him. The Convention of 1876 nominated him by acclamation for Lieutenant-Governor.

There are few gentlemen in the State of Indiana who are possessed of more executive ability; a thorough diplomat and tactician. His official moves are characteristic of the strict disciplinarian, while his calm exterior and reflective eye

betoken one, who far-seeing and imperturbable, watches the approach of the enemy dauntlessly, and whose aims in the battle of life are made with a success that denotes military and almost unerring precision.

Personally, Colonel Gray is rather above the medium, finely formed head and regular features, blue eyes set rather far apart, a broad brow shaded by dark clustering curls, a fair clear complexion, great suavity of manner which almost belies the firmness and decision which becomes apparent when an emergency arises, as was evidenced in the adroit manner in which he so recently organized, and has presided over the Senate. He is already named as a prominent candidate for Governor in 1880, and as a public speaker no one in the State excels the presiding officer of the Senate.

JOHN GILBERT SHANKLIN,

SECRETARY OF STATE,

Is a native Indianian, was born in the classic city of Evansville (now Lamasco), Vanderburg county. His father, the late John Shanklin, was a native of Donnegal county, Ireland, emigrating to this country about fifty-six years ago. Locating in this State, he entered into active business, and at his death left a large landed estate. Mr. Shanklin's education was obtained at the public schools of Evansville, thence he entered the Kenyon College, Ohio, graduating in 1863, when he returned home and commenced the practice of law, and in 1863 was appointed Prosecuting Attorney of the First Judicial District, which position he held for eighteen months. In 1866 he went abroad and after a few months travel he entered the law department of Berlin, graduating therefrom

in 1868. The greater part of the three years of his absence was spent in Germany, where he had the benefit of the finest instructors. Returning to Evansville he joined his brother, George Shanklin, in the publication of the Evansville Courier. In 1870 Mr. Shanklin received the nomination for the State Legislature, leading his opponent, Mr. Heilman, a distinguished German citizen, who has since been elected to Congress, two hundred votes. At the Democratic State Convention of 1878, Mr. Shanklin received the nomination for Secretary of State over a number of distinguished and popular gentlemen, among them Mr. D. S. Gooding and Mr. John P. Cravens. He was elected in October following, and was introduced in his official capacity in January, 1879. Mr. Shanklin has but one brother living, George W., the editor of the Evansville Courier, and one sister, who is the wife of the late Chief Justice Supreme Court United States.

Personally, Mr. Shanklin is tall, well formed and stately, wearing the polish of travel and the address of the courtier, being fully six feet in height.

MAHLON D. MANSON,

AUDITOR OF STATE,

"The Hero of two Wars." General M. D. Manson was born in Piqua, Onio, February 20, 1820, but has been a resident of Montgomery county, Indiana, for a period of thirty-six years. He was a druggist by profession but forsook the manufacture of medicated pellets to dose the enemy with leaden pellets in the Mexican war, in which he served as Captain of Company I, 5th Indiana Volunteers, and was at the City of Mexico with General Scott. He was a member of the Indiana Legislature in 1851. He was afterwards a pri-

vate, then Captain, Major and Lieutenant-Colonel of the 10th Indiana Infantry during the war of the rebellion and served with such valor that he was distinguished by the appointment of Colonel of the regiment and served for three years as such. He was with Geo. B. McClellan in West Virginia, and was appointed Brigadier-General by Abraham Lincoln in 1862. General Manson was badly wounded three times while in the service of his country, and was a member of the 23rd Army Corps during the campaign before Knoxville, Tennessee. He was in 1866 nominated for Secretary of State by acclamation, and for Congress in 1868, running against Godlove S. Orth. He was only defeated by four hundred votes in a district which was Republican by two thousand. In 1870 he was elected to Congress, defeating General Lew Wallace. In 1872 General Manson was the nominee, but was defeated by Judge Cason by only one hundred and ninety-seven votes. He was for three years Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, and like the gallant warrior led the party on to victory when came the Ides of October. In 1878 he was nominated for Auditor of State, entered into the campaign with all the spirit of a veteran and was elected by a large majority. He is now installed in office and has entered upon the duties of his high position. The General is blessed with a noble minded wife, and has a family of sons and daughters, all grown but one. He is of commanding presence, and his head is surmounted with hair now like the snows of winter. He is kindly hearted and unassuming, generous and impulsive.

WILLIAM FLEMING,

TREASURER OF STATE,

Was born on the seventeenth day of June, 1829, at Avoca, Wicklow county, Ireland. He came to America in 1846, and settled in Fort Wayne, Allen county, where he has resided ever since. At the age of seventeen he taught a country school. Shortly after he began to learn the stone cutter's trade, which he worked at until 1859, when on account of ill health, he abandoned the business and engaged as Deputy Sheriff of Allen county. His employer, the sheriff, died soon after and he was appointed Sheriff; was his own successor by election in 1856, and was re-elected in 1858. In 1861 Mr. Fleming was again appointed Sheriff, and was elected Clerk of Allen county in 1862; was re-elected in 1866—served until 1870, since which time he has been engaged as a manufacturer. Mr. Fleming has published the Fort Wayne Sentinel since 1875, and is still its proprietor. He was educated in the National Schools in Ireland.

Mr. Fleming has a dignified presence, a clear penetrating eye and pleasing manners.

THOMAS W WOOLLEN,

ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF STATE,

Mr. Woollen is a native of Maryland, and was born in Dorchester county of that State in 1830. He came to Indiana in 1848, locating in Madison, Jefferson county. Here he was soon employed as Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court. Subsequently he engaged as Deputy County Treasurer of his county, and had entire control of the office for two years.

In 1854 he was nominated by the Democrats for Treasurer of the county but was defeated by the Know Nothing element. He then applied himself to the study of law, and in 1856 removed to Vernon, Jennings county, and commenced the practice of his profession. He shortly afterward removed to Franklin, Johnson county, and entered in law partnership with Hon. J. D. New. In 1860 the Democracy nominated him for Circuit Judge, but he was defeated by General John Coburn. In 1862 he was elected to the Legislature from Johnson county, where he occupied a leading position in the deliberation of that eventful session. He was subsequently elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas; serving two years as such, he resigned the office and resumed the practice of law. In 1872 he was again elected to the Legislature, and was an active member of the Judiciary Committee. From 1872 until 1878 he was engaged in the lucrative practice of his profession, until in February, 1878, he was nominated by the Democratic State Convention for the office of Attorney-General; was elected with the entire State ticket in October following, and has been in office now some two months. Judge Woollen is of commanding stature, over six feet in height and weighs some two hundred and twenty-five pounds. He is affable, and his character is unimpeachable. He is an able lawyer and well fitted for the duties of his position.

JAMES H. SMART,

STATE SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Was born in Center Harbor, N. H., June 30, 1841. He taught school for several years in New Hampshire, and came to Toledo, Ohio, in 1863, where he taught in responsible posi-

tions for two or three years. He was elected Superintendent of the Fort Wayne, Ind., schools in 1856, since which time he has been a member of the State Board of Education. He remained in this position ten years, and the excellence and high standard attained by the Fort Wayne High Schools are largely due to his efforts. During six years of that time he was also identified with the country schools as "County Examiner." He was elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1874, again in 1877, and for the third term in 1878. He was President of the State Teacher's Association in 1873. He was appointed one of the assistant commissioners to represent the United States at the Paris Exhibition in 1878, having been previously identified with the interests of the State at the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia. He received the honorary degree of A. M. from the State University in 1871, and the same degree from Dartmouth College in 1873.

Mr. Smart is tall and slenderly formed, and of delicate appearance ; has light hair, blue eyes, and side whiskers. He is possessed of great mental activity and physical energy, which render him more peculiarly fitted for a position of so much responsibility, and of such manifold duties. That he has been three times in succession elected to this position proves more strongly than words might, that he is assuredly "the right man in the right place."

SAMUEL E. PERKINS,

SUPREME COURT JUDGE,

Was born at Brattleborough, Vermont, December 6, 1811. Left without parents or property before he was five years of age, he was adopted by William Baker, a farmer of Conway,

Mass., with whom he lived until he attained his majority. In this time, by the aid of three month's schooling in winter, and by devoting rainy days and evening to books, he had received a good English education and commenced the study of the dead languages. He continued his studies in various schools, working mornings, evenings and holidays to pay his board, and occasionally a quarter in vacation to raise money for tuition and clothing. The last year of this course of study was spent at the Yates County Academy, Penn Yan, New York. He then commenced the study of law at Penn Yan in the office of Henry Waller. In the fall of 1836 he came alone, on foot, to Indiana, a stranger in a strange land, not being acquainted with a single individual in the State. His first winter was spent in close reading in the office of Judge Borden in Richmond, Ind. In the spring of 1837 he was admitted to the bar, and opened an office in Richmond. At the same time he commenced editing the "Jeffersonian," the Democratic organ of the place. In 1843 he was appointed Prosecuting Attorney for that Judicial District, and in 1844 was one of the Electors who gave the vote of the State to Mr. Polk. In the winter of 1843, and again in 1855, he was nominated by Gov. Whitecomb to a seat on the Supreme Bench, but not confirmed. In 1844 was again nominated, and this time confirmed by the Senate, receiving a two-thirds vote. In 1852 and 1858 he was elected to the same office. In 1864, at the expiration of his term of office, he began the practice of law in this city. In 186— he became editor of the Herald, the Democratic organ of the State. In 187— he was appointed by Gov. Baker to the Supreme Court, and was afterwards elected twice to the same position. In 1876 he was again elected to the Supreme Bench for six years. At the expiration of the present term he will have served on this Bench a quarter of a century—longer on the bench than any other, except Judge Blackford. In 1857

he was appointed Professor of Law at the North Western Christian University where he served several years, and in 1871-2 he was Professor of Law at the State University at Bloomington. And it should be a matter of pride and satisfaction to him to remember as his students such men as Hon. A. C. Harris, Senator from Marion; Hon. George W. Grubbs, Senator from Morgan; Hon. I. H. Fowler, Senator from Owen; Judge D. W. Howe, of Marion Superior Court; Judge C. N. Pollard, of Kokomo; Hon. C. L. Holstine, Deputy United States Attorney for Indiana; Hon. John A. Holman, Judge Marion Superior Court, Hon. John A. Finch, and others. In addition to the immense labor disposed of as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, in 1858 he prepared the "Indiana Digest," and in 1859 produced the "Indiana Practice," a work, at the time, of no less importance and requiring much labor in its preparation. His character as a judge was molded very much by those of Judges Blackford and Dewey, with whom he was associated.

HORACE P. BIDDLE,

SUPREME COURT JUDGE,

Is a native of Ohio, and is about sixty-six years of age. Since 1836 he has been a citizen of Cass county. He lives on an island near the city of Logansport, where the Wabash river holds upon its bosom the Island Home of Judge Biddle. This gentleman is a most remarkable man. For thirty-five years he was prominently before the public, and as popular as prominent. From 1846 to 1852, and again, after an interval of eight years, from 1860 to 1872, he served the Eighth Judicial District as Judge of the Circuit Court. On the occasion of his last election, he received every vote cast for the office, having no opposition. He was a member of the Con-

stitutional Convention of Indiana in 1850, and participated prominently in the proceedings of that able body. In 1857 he was elected to the Supreme bench, though, through a misconstruction of the law by the Executive, he never received his commission.

When not engaged in the discharge of the duties of office Judge Biddle has been busy in the practice of his profession, with marked ability and marvelous success. Three years ago he abandoned active professional life, resolute in his determination to enjoy the comforts of his sunny home, free from the cares and perplexities that attach to business. This resolution was only shaken by the nomination of two State conventions (Democratic and Independent,) for the Supreme Bench, to which he was elected by a very large majority.

Judge Biddle is known as an author. Besides being an extensive contributor to leading newspapers and magazines, he published in 1858 a volume of poems; in 1860 a treatise on the musical scale, with a revised edition, which is received in England as the standard work on the subject; in 1867 a scientific work on music, purchased in copywright by Oliver Ditson, of Boston, and held as a standard work; in 1868 another volume of poems, with a second edition of the same in 1872; in 1871 "A Review of Professor Tyndall's Work on Sound," (the propositions wherein he differed with Tyndall have been lately proved true by the microphone, and are now accepted in London,) and in 1873 a large volume of poetry, entitled "Glances at the World." In the year 1876 he published a poem of about two hundred pages, entitled "American Boyhood," abounding with sketches of primitive customs and log-cabin life. During the summer of 1877 he perfected a new musical instrument, the tetra-chord, which develops his musical theory. In addition to these works, Judge Biddle is the only scientific writer on music in America; has printed two volumes of poems, not for general

circulation, and has in manuscript enough prose and poetry for two other large volumes. Modest and unassuming, large-hearted and grand-thoughted, of the most unswerving integrity and adherence to justice, none know him but to love him, none name him but to praise.

GEO. V. HOWK,

SUPREME COURT JUDGE,

Is a native of Clarke county, Indiana, was born in the year 1825, and graduated at Asbury University. Judge Howk has had the experience of thirty years legal practice in Floyd and Clarke counties, in the former of which he now lives. He was a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of that district under appointment of Gov. Willard, refusing a nomination for reelection at the expiration of his term, though his triumphant election was a foregone conclusion if he could have been induced to accept. In 1863 he represented his county in the lower branch of the Legislature, and was senator from Floyd and Clarke in 1867 and 1869. He has the reputation of being a number one man in every respect. He is large, well proportioned and of commanding presence. He is a conscientious, careful, painstaking and industrious worker, well informed in general matters and thoroughly posted in the law, his knowledge of which comes as much from a large and extensive practice as from hard study. He has a wonderful capacity for retaining and using what is once laid away in the storehouse of his memory. His honesty has never been questioned. One-fourth of his business life has been spent in office, but no man has a clearer record; no man's hands are freer from the suspicion of the stain of jobbery and corruption. A sound Democrat, he is the farthest possible removed from a mere partisan. Fair, candid and unbiased, he is an upright, intelligent, honest and incorruptible judge.

WILLIAM E. NIBLACK,

SUPREME COURT JUDGE,

Was born in the western part of New York in 1825, but removed to Martin county, Indiana, when quite young. He was educated at the State University at Bloomington, and entered upon the practice of law in Martin county about the year 1847. He was elected to the State Legislature for the long session the year following the Constitutional Convention of 1850. This session was not restricted as to length of sitting, and continued from December, 1851, to June, 1852. Mr. Niblack was a conspicuous and active member. During the year 1854 he was appointed by Governor Wright Judge of the Circuit Court, and in the meantime having removed to Vincennes, he was subsequently elected Judge for a term of six years. Before that time expired, however, in 1858, he was elected to Congress from the First Congressional District. He was in 1860 re-elected. In 1862 he was again returned to the Legislature from Knox county, and during the session of 1863 acted as Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. At the close of that session he was appointed a member of the Military Auditing Committee, serving two years. In 1866 Judge Niblack was again elected to Congress, and was successively re-elected for eight consecutive years. At the October election of 1876 he was elected to the Supreme Bench for a term of six years, where he has now served about two years. Judge Niblack is a man yet in the prime of life, and with such a past record as his life presents, his future career may become still more bright. He is of social disposition, a valued member of society, and possessed of the excellent qualities of a statesman.

JAMES L. WORDEN,

SUPREME COURT JUDGE,

From the Fourth District, first began life among the beautiful Berkshire hills in Massachusetts, where he was born May 10th, 1819. His parents removed to Portage county, Ohio, during his early life, and his education was obtained in the common schools of that State. He studied law and commenced practice in Cincinnati, and in 1844 he removed to Whitey county, Indiana, where he was elected Prosecuting Attorney. In 1849 he settled in Fort Wayne, where he has ever since resided. In 1855 Mr. Worden was appointed by Gov. Joseph A. Wright as judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, to which office he was afterwards elected without opposition, filling the same until January, 1858, when Governor Willard appointed him to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge W. Z. Stuart as judge of Supreme Court. He was elected to the same office in November, 1858, and held the office from that time until January, 1865. He was again a candidate, but, with the whole Democratic ticket, was defeated. In 1870 he was again elected to the Supreme Bench and re-elected in 1876, and is now serving his third term of six years each. Few gentlemen in the State have enjoyed by election and appointment so many positions of judicial eminence, performing his duties to the public's satisfaction, and securing the confidence of the people of the State. Judge Worden has a wife, and family now grown, who reside in Fort Wayne. He is very partial to horse-back riding as a healthful exercise, and is a genial, socially inclined gentleman.

GABRIEL SCHMUCK,

CLERK OF SUPREME COURT,

Is a native of Rhenish Prussia and was born in Sobernheim, June 13, 1833. He attended the common schools of his native country from his fifth until his twelfth and the high school from his twelfth to his fourteenth year, when his father emigrated with his family to the United States in February, 1848. After residing two years in Pennsylvania he removed to Cannelton, Perry county, Indiana, where he has made his home since 1850. In 1859 the citizens of Perry county proved their appreciation of the excellent qualities of the young man by electing him Recorder of that county, in which position he served them four years. For the next ensuing eight years, or until 1872, we find Mr. Schmuck filling the position of Clerk of the Circuit Court, and in 1872 was elected to the State Legislature of 1872 and 1873. He has acted as Cashier of the Tell City Bank and is engaged in milling. He was elected Clerk of the Supreme Court in 1876. Personally Mr. Schmuck is a fair type of the native Prussian, courteous and polished and of dignified bearing and of a military appearance. He is a staunch Democrat.

AUGUSTUS N. MARTIN,

REPORTER OF SUPREME COURT,

Was born at Whitestown, Butler county, Pennsylvania, March 23, 1847, and is consequently at this date but thirty-two years of age. His parents were Irish-Americans. His father was Auditor of Butler county, Pennsylvania, three years. The son was educated at Witherspoon Institute, Pennsylvania,

and Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, New York. In the earlier part of the war he enlisted in the 58th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, and participated in the chase after John Morgan through the border States and assisted in his capture in Ohio. This occurred when Mr. Martin was "only a boy" of sixteen. He soon after entered the 78th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served therein until discharged for disability from ill health in August, 1865. In 1869 he came to Indiana and located at Bluffton, where he began the practice of law, soon building up a lucrative business. In 1876 Mr. Martin was elected to the State Legislature, representing the counties of Adams and Wells, where he soon made himself conspicuous by his active interest in legislation, where his voice was always lifted for the benefit of his constituents and the interests of the Democratic party. Having been born a Democrat he knows no change of faith. Mr. Martin is a gentleman of fine appearance, tall and symmetrical, clear complexion, dark blue eyes, and glossy black hair inclined to curl. He is married, and his wife is an able assistant in the duties of his position, to which he was elected on the Democratic State ticket. His term commencing in January, 1877, will continue for four years.

JOHN BENZ,

SENATOR FROM CRAWFORD AND HARRISON,

Was born in Germany, and is forty-five years of age. He has been in America for thirty years. A tailor by trade, he knows how to cut his cloth in any sort of material. His solid intelligence and high integrity as a citizen has given him the respect and confidence of the people of Crawford county, where he resides. In 1876 he was elected Joint Representa-

tive for the counties of Crawford and Orange, and in 1878 he was elected Senator from Crawford and Harrison counties.

A Democrat of the old German school and a firm believer in the rights and privileges of the people, Senator Benz is prepared to vote on all measures which will secure these blessings.

He has the full confidence of his constituency, and we have no doubt he will prove himself ready for every legislative emergency.

As he is ever watchful of every legislative movement that will be of service to his constituents, while he makes no assumption of display in oratorical flights or empty bombast, he is in earnest in what he advocates and an effective though quiet worker. His post office address is Leavenworth.

THOMAS S. BRISCOE,

SENATOR FROM BLACKFORD, JAY AND GRANT.

Senator Briscoe is a lawyer, and resides at Hartford City. He represents the Senatorial District composed of the counties of Grant, Blackford and Jay.

The Senator is a Marylander by birth, and was born in Kent county of that State, October 10, 1828. He read law in Maryland, and was admitted to the bar in 1852. He was a citizen of Iowa for ten years, from 1853, and came to Indiana in 1866, settling first in Fort Wayne and then in Hartford City.

Original in his character and unyielding in energy, the Senator has about him many of the elements of a successful politician, as well as an able Senator. He will not be found sleeping at his post or standing back in case of opposition; for, indeed, in some cases, he rather courts antagonism, and

most generally counts on the victory because of his ability to hold on and out.

The Senator prides himself a little on the fact that though his district was six hundred Republican, he carried it by fifty six majority. Senator Briscoe is undoubtedly loyal to his position and a true man. He is an uncompromising Democrat—holding tenaciously to the great principles that the people have the right to govern. With him this has been a cardinal principle. He is decided in his belief that labor is of divine origin, and as such should be respected by all capital and capitalists. The attempts of capital to dictate to labor is tyranny. He thinks it should be the first duty of all legislative bodies to protect labor by good and wholesome laws, and that such acts should be passed as will fully protect workingmen.

BARTHOLOMEW H. BURRELL,

SENATOR FROM JACKSON AND WASHINGTON.

It seems to be a matter of wonder to many how some men develop themselves. They see the boy in his teens, an awkward, uncouth, and as thoughtless as the rabbits he chases in the fields. But when a few years have passed away they behold him a man of position, of intelligence and power. The years which have rolled over him have been years of study, and the theory of personal diligence and integrity has directed his life.

Such has been the issue, as we gather it, in the life of Senator Burrell. Dating his birth near Brownston, Jackson county, in March, 1841, where he has made his home ever since he has grown up, on the soil of his birth, paying his own way from the beginning. Graduating at the State Uni-

versity in 1864, and in the law department in 1865, he at once began practice in the county of Brownstown as a partner with Colonel Frank Emerson, with whom he has had a partnership, with the exception of a few years while Emerson was serving as judge, up to the present time. The law firm of Burrell & Emerson, of Brownstown, is well known as being honest, capable and reliable. The reputation of Senator Burrell is above reproach, and his election to the Senate from the counties of Jackson and Washington demonstrate the fact that his record has been one of the highest integrity. Genial and liberal in his associations, and eminently practical in his duties and obligations, the senator has thus far given full satisfaction to his constituency, and if his professional duties will allow of it, it would doubtless be well for him to remain in this same relation for years to come.

NATHAN CADWALLADER,

SENATOR FROM RANDOLPH COUNTY,

Only son of Abner and Mary W. Cadwallader, was born in the village of Rochester, Warren county, Ohio, July 12, 1826.

His father was born and raised in Virginia; his mother, Mary W. Thomas-Cadwallader, was a native of South Carolina. In the year 1832 the son with his parents removed to Indiana, settling in Randolph county. The subject of this sketch was deprived of anything like a scientific education, the advantages of that day being very meagre, the ordinary school term being two to three months winter school in what is remembered as the "Log School House." In 1840 the father died, leaving the son (at the age of fourteen) with his mother to manage the farm and provide for the family. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in mercantile business,

selling goods almost continually till February 20, 1865, when in company with Col. Isaac P. Gray (now Lieut.-Governor) he organized the Citizens Bank at Union City, Indiana, of which he has been since its organization the President. In politics he was a Whig until the Republican party was organized, since which time he has been a warm advocate of its principles; as such he was elected to the State Senate in 1876. His parents belonged to the Society of Friends, to which doctrine he more closely adheres than to any other.

Mr. Cadwallader is one of the finest looking men who grace the Senate, of handsome physique, having a clear olive complexion, dark blue eyes and iron gray hair, calm and rather quiet, as "Friends" usually are. He serves his constituents with ability and reflects credit on their selection. His post-office address is Union City.

RICHARD L. COFFEY,

SENATOR FROM BROWN AND BARTHOLOMEW,

Representing in the Senate the joint interests of Brown and Bartholomew counties, is a native Indianian; was born in Bloomington, Monroe county, May 7, 1835, and is therefore now in his forty-fourth year. Mr. Coffey was educated at Franklin College, and in 1859 graduated in the law course of the State University; was in 1864 engaged as a teacher in the free schools until located in Nashville, and settled down to the practice of his profession. He presents a notable instance of the office seeking the man rather than the man seeking the office; was elected Judge of Common Pleas Court in 1870 (to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of present Attorney-General Woolen); was re-elected in

1872, and held the position until legislative enactment abolished the office; was nominated for the Senate by the county convention, and hesitated some time before acceding to the wishes of his friends. He accepted the nomination and was elected by a large majority. Was born a life-long Democrat, and always acted with the party. Mr. Coffey has been married to his present wife some thirteen years, and has four children—three boys and a girl—by this marriage, and a daughter, now married, by a former wife.

In personal appearance Mr. Coffey is dignified and stately, being fully six feet in height, dark brown hair, full beard bordering on the auburn in shade, kindly blue eyes, which betoken the good qualities of his heart, a gentleman of true impulses and right acts. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and just the kind of man needed in every community. Nashville is his Post Office. •

DANIEL W. COMSTOCK,

SENATOR FROM WAYNE COUNTY,

Is an Ohioan by birth, was born in Germantown, Montgomery county, in that State, December 16th, 1840; is consequently about thirty-nine years of age. He was educated at the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, from which college he graduated in 1860. He very soon thereafter removed to Indiana, and was elected District Attorney for the Eleventh Common Pleas District of Indiana in 1862. During the first year of his term, however, he espoused the Union cause in the war of the rebellion, and entered the service as a private soldier, served "three years, or during the war," and

was honorably discharged with the rank of captain, August, 1865.

In 1866 Mr. Comstock located at Richmond, Wayne county, where he has ever since resided. He was elected City Attorney of Richmond in 1867, and was elected Prosecuting Attorney of the Circuit Court, of which Wayne county formed a part, for the terms beginning in 1872 and 1874.

In 1878 he was nominated by the Republican county convention, and in the fall elected to the senatorial body of the State Assembly, where he is now serving with conscientious integrity the people of his district. He is a gentleman of dignified manner, and very modest and unassuming; he is a quiet, yet decided, and an efficient worker. In appearance he is prepossessing, being nearly six feet high, and well proportioned, weighing about 175 pounds, very dark hair, black eyes and clear olive complexion, classical looking features and smooth-shaven face. He is married and has a family.

BENJAMIN L. DAVENPORT,

SENATOR FROM ELKHART,

Was born in Shelby county, Ohio, July 2, 1824, but came to Indiana, settling in Elkhart in the year 1842, and is thoroughly identified with State interests. His education was of the common school order, and he worked on a farm until he was sixteen. That the poor farmer lad should have risen from that position by industry, honesty, and close application to business, to take rank with the leading manufactures of this country and assume the position of a leader in public enterprises, is a flattering evidence of the manner of man he is who has so nobly acquired this prominence, and so ably

represents the interests of the northern section of the State. Mr. Davenport has been for 23 years a merchant, and is now the President of the First National Bank of Elkhart, but is largely intererested in milling and manufacturing, having two paper mills making about 8000 pounds per day or nearly 3,000,000 pounds of paper per annum, and flour mills that turn out per year about 25,000 barrels. These manufacturing interests give employment to a large number of men and women, and thus contributes to the prosperity of the community. With voice and purse he has always encouraged those social, business, and moral enterprises which build up a community.

A man of acute judgement, excellent administrative ability, generous and public spirited, of unswerving integrity, and untiring energy, he presents a fine type of the representative man. Senator Davenport has always taken an interest in politics, and is a Republican through honest convictions. His predecessor was elected by 131 votes, while he received a majority of 722, as a testimonial of his personal popularity. He was married in this State, his wife a well preserved, handsome lady, is still living in Elkhart, and have a family of five daughters, upon whom no money nor pains have been spared to render them cultured and accomplished. The eldest is highly educated in music and has a well cultivated voice of great compass and sweetness. Mr. Davenport is very tall and slender, and of very gentlemanly appearance.

O. P. DAVIS,

SENATOR FROM VERMILLION AND PARKE.

This gentleman who may be said to hold the balance of power this time in the Senate Chamber, was born in New Hampshire, and is about sixty years of age. He is of Welch-

English descent and has the attributes of strength characteristic of these nationalities. Mr. Davis left New Hampshire at the age of eighteen years after having received the rudiments of knowledge to be acquired within the narrow walls of the old log cabin school house. From New Hampshire he went to Canada, remaining there however but a short time he returned to "the land of the free." Stopping for a brief while in the western part of New York, he wended his way to the then far west and located in Greencastle, Indiana, in the year 1838, where he read law with Hon. "Ned" McGaughey of that city. Not long afterward he removed to Vermillion county and was engaged in the practice of law about five years. In 1850 he was elected a Democratic Senatorial delegate to the Indiana State Constitutional Convention. In 1853 Mr. Davis represented his Democratic constituents of Parke and Vermillion in the Senate Chamber, and was re-elected to the same position in 1857. Now after a lapse of twenty years Mr. Davis is again elected to the State Senate by the residents of Parke and Vermillion counties, his constituents belonging to all political parties. He cast his vote for Mr. Voorhees. For many years Mr. Davis has followed the occupation of a farmer; has a large farm on the Wabash river, where he raised in 1878 no less than fifty thousand bushels of corn. Mr. Davis was so unfortunate as to lose the wife of his youth, when his boys and girls, of whom he has four, were yet small. They are yet living, the two daughters attaining to womanly beauty, and the sons having almost reached to manhood's estate.

Personally, Mr. Davis is a refined and well read gentleman, kind hearted and generous, rather below the medium size; his gray hair is combed smoothly over a fair full brow, beneath which, look forth dark blue eyes, clear, frank and penetrating. Senator Davis resides at Opeedee, near Newport.

FRANCIS MARION DICE,

SENATOR FROM FOUNTAIN AND WARREN,

Was born in the village of Chambersburg, Fountain county, Indiana, August 27, 1845.

His father, Jacob Dice, was born in Rockbridge county, Va., of German parentage, and came to Fountain county when the subject of this sketch was five years old, where he has ever since resided. His mother, Mary J. Rynearson, who was born in Ohio, of English parentage, came to Fountain county when she was quite a child.

His father was a mechanic, and was in early manhood an itinerant minister of the United Brethren Church. In 1851 his father was elected Representative from Fountain county to the Legislature. He was also during the late war Captain of Company C, 154th Regiment Indiana Volunteers.

During boyhood Francis M. Dice attended the public school in winter and farmed during the remainder of the year. In the fall of 1862 he attended school at Wesley Academy, near Crawfordsville, taught school in winter, returning to the academy in the spring.

In July, 1863, he enlisted in the 116th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, and, serving until the expiration of its term of service, was mustered out with the regiment March 1, 1864. During the summer of 1864 he again taught school, and in the fall entered the preparatory class at Asbury University, where he graduated June, 1868, having completed the classical course of six years in four, teaching a term of school during that time and reading law.

In the fall of 1868 he read law in the office of Colonel Wm. C. Wilson, of LaFayette, but during the winter taught school near his father's home, who had removed to his farm near Veedersburg, Ind. In March, 1869, he commenced practice at Covington, Ind., where he has ever since resided, engaged in the practice of his profession.

He was married to Miss Mary F. Thompson December 28, 1871, to whom three children have been born, all living. In December, 1872, he purchased the Covington Republic, which he edited for two years, in addition to attending to his law practice. In the fall of 1875 was elected Senator for four years from the district composed of the counties of Fountain and Warren, over the combined opposition of the Democratic and Independent parties. He has been a Radical Republican ever since the existence of the party. During the session of the Legislature of 1877 he served as a member of the following committees: The Judiciary, on Elections, on County and Township Business, and on the Organization of Courts.

ISAIAH DONHAM,

SENATOR FROM VIGO,

Was born in Clermont county, Ohio, May 12, 1810. His father was of Spanish descent and his mother Scottish. He was married at the age of twenty-three and came with his bride to Vigo county in 1833, being one of the pioneer settlers of Western Indiana. With the exception of a few years residence in Clay county he has lived in Vigo ever since. He has always been a farmer, and to the credit of his industry and brain be it said, a successful one. Three good-sized farms add their wealth and beauty to the State as the result of his labors. His present residence is on a farm of more than five hundred acres, in the southwestern part of the county, known as the "Twin Grove Farm," all of which has been taken from the wilds of nature since the year 1850. In his earlier years he made several trips to New Orleans as a flat-boatman, carrying the products of his farms and those of his neighbors to that distant market. The incidents of these "voyages" are

not the least interesting of the many events of his busy life.

In politics, through all the vicissitudes of party strife, Senator Donham has always been a consistent Democrat. He has been frequently favored with positions of trust and honor by his party; was continued in the office of Township Trustee as long as he would accept the position. During the war he was nominated as a candidate for the Lower House in the State Legislature, but the county went overwhelmingly Republican, as it had done for many years, and he was defeated. In 1870 he was again nominated and elected. In 1876 he received the nomination for State Senator. There were two other candidates in the field, but he was triumphantly elected to the position, which he now holds.

In private life Mr. Donham is an esteemed citizen, an affectionate husband and a kind and indulgent father. Mrs. Donham is still living, and the family reunions, which occur twice a year, are looked forward to by parents, children and grand-children with fond anticipation and earnest delight. His postoffice address is Riley, Vigo county.

T. J. FOSTER,

SENATOR FROM ALLEN,

One of the youngest and one of the most able representatives on the floor of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, was born in Findlay, Hancock county, Ohio, March 18, 1849, of American parentage, where he was educated in the common schools. Entering the army when a mere boy, he served as a private soldier in the Forty-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteers, and participated in the battles of Nashville, Franklin and others. After the war he settled in Indiana, and drifted into journalism, and edited the Monroe-

ville, Indiana, Democrat in 1870. Mr Foster established and edited the Fort Wayne Free Press in 1874, and in 1875 established the New Haven Palladium, in which city he now resides, and which paper he continues to edit and publish. Mr. Foster is one of the members of the Board of School Trustees of his town. He was elected a member of the Legislature from Allen county in 1876, and was elected State Senator in 1878 to succeed Senator Bell. Senator Foster is a liberal minded and progressive Democrat. He started in the world without a dollar, and is a fine example of what industry and close application will accomplish. To have been elected to the Senatorial body at the early age of twenty-nine is a fine testimonial of the appreciation in which he is held by his constituents. He is one of the most intelligent legislators on the floor, and is a fine specimen of mental and physical manhood, of medium size, a pleasant conversationalist, and an able reasoner, has blue eyes, dark hair, clear complexion, dark mustache, and has the easy, graceful manners of the polished gentleman. Senator Foster has a fair-faced wife and one child.

INMAN H. FOWLER,

SENATOR FROM CLAY AND OWEN,

Was born in Eaton, Preble county, Ohio, June 7th, 1834. His father became a citizen of Indiana in 1836, and resided in the county of Tippecanoe, and from thence he removed to Wappello, Louisa county, Iowa, where he died in August, 1839. The family returned to Indiana, and the Senator became a student at Wabash College where he received his literary training. In 1858 he settled in the county of Owen,

where he has resided ever since. In 1861 he was elected Clerk of Owen Circuit Court. In 1865 he was re-elected to the same office, serving the county in this capacity for nine years. In 1871 he graduated in the law college of the State University, and at once began the practice at Spencer, in the various courts where he now resides. In 1876 he was elected to the Senate. As a Senator he has shown the modest mien of a careful thinker, and the prudent action of an experienced legislator. He served, with marked efficiency, two years ago as chairman of the committee on Charitable and Reformatory Institutions, and also a member of the committee on Fees and Salaries. The present session finds him again chairman of the committee on Charitable and Reformatory Institutions, and a member of the committee on Education and Railroads.

The dignified courtesy and sound abilities of Senator Fowler give him prominence in the Senate, and his influence is always tenaciously in favor of the most conservative and economical legislation. Senator Fowler is rather delicate looking, but never fails in the duties of his position and his voice is ever lifted, and his influence exerted for the public welfare, and is thoroughly identified with the principles of Democracy.

MILTON GARRIGUS,

SENATOR FROM HOWARD AND MIAMI COUNTIES,

Was born September 21, 1831, in Wayne county, Indiana. His father, Timothy L. Garrigus, was a noted preacher in the early history of the State. The family resided from 1837 until 1840 in Marshall and St. Joseph counties, and in Howard county since 1846. He was raised a farmer. Mr. Garri-

gus is a member of the State Teacher's Association, and has taught school no less than seventeen terms. His uncle, Jephtha Garrigus, served in the Legislature from Parke in 1835 and 1836. The Senator has a brilliant war record, having been in service nearly four years, entering as a private in the 39th Regiment. He was promoted successively to 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant of the 137th Regiment, and Captain in the 142nd Regiment, also acted as Brigade Inspector in the 20th Army Corps. In civil life he has filled the position of Postmaster from 1859 to 1861 at Greentown; was admitted to the bar in 1859, which profession he now follows. He served two terms as School Examiner, and has been for the past three years School Superintendent of Howard county. He has always been an earnest working Republican, and has been chairman of the County Central Committee for the four years preceding. Captain Garrigus is a member of the City Council, was elected State Senator in 1878 by a majority of four hundred and forty-three. He is chairman of the Committee on Finance and Education. Capt. Garrigus is a citizen of Kokomo, where with his wife (formerly Susan M. Whiteneck) whom he married in 1853, and family now resides in a commodious residence. Of six children living, two daughters are married, Lida A., to O. W. Outland, of Miami, who lives in Howard county, and Ada A., to John W. Stonebaker, of Hagerstown, Wayne county.

Senator Garrigus is a member of the I. O. O. F., and also of the Masonic fraternity. He is an earnest temperance man, and an exemplary member of the Christian Church.

GEORGE W. GRUBBS,

SENATOR FROM MARION AND MORGAN,

Was born in Franklin, Johnson county, Indiana, on the 26th day of September, 1842. Was graduated at Franklin College

in June, 1862, with honors, in a class of which President Stott, of Franklin College, and General T. J. Morgan, Professor in Chicago Theological University, were members. Immediately after graduation he volunteered as a private in Company I, 70th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, commanded by General Ben. Harrison. During the year 1862 he was successively appointed Second Sergeant and First Sergeant of his Company and Sergeant Major of the Regiment. In 1863 he was commissioned First Lieutenant of Company F, Seventieth Regiment. In 1864 and during the Atlanta campaign he served as Assistant Adjutant General of the First Brigade, Third Division, Twentieth Corps, on the staff of General Ben. Harrison, participated in all the battles of the campaign and was honorably mentioned for gallant and meritorious services, was slightly wounded at the battle of Peachtree Creek July 20, 1864. In November, 1864, Senator Grubbs was commissioned as major of the Forty-Second U. S. colored infantry, and assisted in organizing that branch of the service; participated in the Nashville campaign, and was mustered out in February, 1866, and immediately entered the law office of Porter, Harrison & Fishback, Indianapolis, Ind; graduated at the Indianapolis Law School, and in 1868 removed to Martinsville, Morgan county, and commenced the practice of his profession. In 1872, as the Presidential Elector for the Seventh Congressional District, he cast the vote of his district for Grant. Senator Grubbs was a prominent member of the House in the Fiftieth General Assembly, a candidate for Speaker of the House and was Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. Personally, is of medium size, graceful and handsome, liberal minded, and particularly interested in all matters of progress. He is in this position a credit to the State and the district he represents.

ADDISON C. HARRIS,

SENATOR FROM MARION,

Is a native Hoosier, and was born in Wayne county, Indiana, near where the city of Richmond now stands, in the year 1841, and is consequently thirty-eight years of age. His ancestors were North Carolina Quakers, who came to the "New Purchase," as Indiana was then termed, in 1809. Mr. Harris, the subject of this sketch, was reared as a farmer's boy. Obtaining the rudiments of an education in Wayne county, he completed a collegiate course at the Northwestern Christian University (now Butler), where he graduated in June, 1862. He soon thereafter began the study of law, attending a course of lectures under Judge Samuel E. Perkins, whose legal eminence is attested by the fact that he has been a member of the Supreme Court for nearly a quarter of a century. After Senator Harris was admitted to the bar he began the practice of his profession, forming a partnership with Mr. Dye, under the firm name of Dye & Harris. The firm prospered, and Mr. Harris soon proved his ability in the possession of a lucrative and successful practice. Several years since Senator Harris was married to Miss Julia Crago, of Connersville, who had graduated from the same university, a most intelligent and intellectual little lady, well-fitted to stand by his side through life or before the bar.

In 1876 Mr. Harris was elected to represent the Republican element of Marion county in the Senate Chamber, where he acquitted himself admirably, taking rank with the leaders of the Assembly, and introduced an amendment to the Constitution limiting the power of cities, towns, counties and townships to create indebtedness—a very important measure. During two sessions he has been an active member of the Judiciary Committee, and is a member of the Committee on Railroads. Mr Harris is a liberal minded gen-

tleman and a statesman. His bill relating to the rights of married women, which passed the Senate this term, is well worthy especial mention. Personally, Mr. Harris is a handsome, thoughtful looking gentleman, with regular features, clear skin, blue eyes and a profusion of dark brown hair.

T. B. HART,

SENATOR FROM WARRICK AND PIKE,

Is the son of a soldier—his father, who was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, having served in the war of 1812. He, with the rest of his brothers, came to this country in company with their father. With the exception of a short length of time, spent the remainder of their days in Warrick county, Indiana, and most of them in what is known as Hart township. His father died at the age of 62, with heart disease, leaving his mother with a number of little children, of whom he was the eldest, aged 19. His father having requested him to remain at home with his mother and assist her in providing for the younger brothers and sisters, he complied with the request and remained at home on the farm until he was 28 years of age. At the age of 29 he was married to J. H. Stone's daughter, a noble hearted and affectionate lady. His mother was born in South Carolina, and is still living, 74 years age, but feeble in health. Her whole delight has been to raise her children in the way they should go and prepare them for future happiness. His business has been that of farmer and stock dealer. He has received a common school education; has never occupied any official position; never was an aspirant until he was solicited to accept the nomination for the Senate from Warrick and Pike. His majority in the two counties was 899. He discharges his Senatorial duties with marked ability. Personally Mr. Hart is tall and slender, with dark eyes and hair, modest and unassuming. His postoffice address is at Booneville, Ind.

DAVID J. HEFRON,

SENATOR FROM DAVIESS AND GREENE,

Was born in Jennings county, Indiana, on the eighteenth day of February, 1842. His parents came to this country from Ireland in 1831, removed to Daviess county and settled on a farm in the spring of 1847, where his father died in July, 1851. He received a fair common school education and after arriving at man's estate, for a few years taught school in winter time and worked on a farm by the month in the summer. Thus he accumulated a little money and attended college at the State University two years. He entered the law school at the University in 1868, and in February, 1869, located in Washington and commenced the practice of law. In 1871 the citizens of Washington showed their appreciation of his executive ability and sterling worth by electing Mr. Hefron to the office of Mayor, and by re-electing him to the same position in 1873. He was elected by the Democracy of Daviess and Greene to the State Senate, representing those counties therein in 1876—filling a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Andrew Humphries, who was sent to Congress. Mr. Hefron performed his duties ably, and fulfilled his obligations to his constituents in this position, and was again elected to the Senate in 1878. By birth, education and conviction, Senator Hefron is a consistent and unswerving Democrat. His present law partner is Hon. John H. O'Neal, of Washington, Daviess county.

Mr. Hefron is about the medium in size, blue eyes and fair skin, hair and beard of the red-gold color, now so fashionable. He has a finely formed head, indicative of excellent brain force, and fine perceptions; physically, he is delicate looking, but has a constitution recuperative in tendency, and a fine nervous organization. He is an able and active worker in the Senate and serves on important committees.

WILLIAM HEILMAN,

SENATOR FROM VANDERBURGH,

One of the most prominently known among the members of the present Senate. His residence is at Evansville, and he represents the County of Vanderburgh. Mr. Heilman was born in Albia Rhein Hessen, Germany, October 11, 1824. He has resided in Evansville since 1843. He is one of the largest manufacturers of that city, and is immensely popular, personally, in the southwestern portion of the State. He was elected to Congress on the Republican ticket last fall in the old-time Democratic First District by a majority of eight hundred and twenty-nine votes. He was elected to the Senate from the County of Vanderburgh in 1876 by a majority of seven hundred and three. Mr. Heilman was originally a Whig, and acted with that party until its demise, when he assisted in organizing the Republican party, and has acted with that organization ever since. He was a member of the House of Representatives in 1871, and has been a member of the Common Council of Evansville four or five times. Mr. Heilman is one of the most influential members of the Senate, and one of the most prominent Republicans of the State. His name is frequently mentioned in connection with the Republican gubernatorial nomination next year. Personally, Mr. Heilman is one of the large men of the Senate, weighing over two hundred pounds, of rotund figure, and face smooth shaven. He is genial looking and pleasant. He is married and his wife accompanies him to the capital.

CHARLES KAHLO,

SENATOR FROM CASS AND CARROLL,

Was born in Magdeburg, Prussia, July 4th, 1840. His father was a merchant tailor in humble circumstances, still he had a

high aim in life and desired to have his children respected and useful. In 1857, when Charles was eleven years old, he emigrated to the United States and located in Defiance, Ohio. Soon after this Charles started out to paddle his own canoe, and engaged with a dry goods merchant, working for his board, clothes and schooling. From year to year his employer gave him new places of trust and a salary equal to that of those much more advanced in years. In April, 1861, he enlisted in the three-months service with the Fourteenth Ohio regiment and was elected Second Lieutenant, and again in September following in the three years service, as First Lieutenant in the Thirty-eighth Ohio regiment, serving his adopted country three years. In 1864 he was married to Cornelia Colby. This union has been blessed by six children, four of whom still live.

After the war, Senator Kahlo went into the manufacture of wagon and carriage wood stock at Defiance, Ohio, and in 1870 removed to Logansport, Ind., continuing in the same business. He is now employing 120 men, and serving as president of the company. In politics he has always been Republican. In June, 1878, he was nominated unanimously, and in October was elected for State Senator from Cass and Carroll—the first Republican elected from that Democratic district. In personal appearance Mr. Kahlo is handsome and distinguished looking, punctilliously polite and exceedingly popular.

JAMES V. KENT,

SENATOR FROM BOONE AND CLINTON.

The subject of this sketch is with the exception only of Senator Foster, the youngest member on the floor of the Senate. James V. Kent was born May 2^o, 1847, in Clinton

county, near Frankfort, Indiana. His father's name was George A., his mother's name, Sarah. George A. Kent was a native of Connecticut ("the land of wooden nutmegs"), but came west and settled first in Bartholomew, Indiana, in 1830. In 1836 he removed with his parents to Clinton county, where he resided until the time of his death in 1859. The widow was left to battle with the world and rear the family of children. James at that time being but twelve years of age, received only a common school education, yet bent on acquiring knowledge he was a constant reader and applied himself closely to study from early life. He began the study of law at the age of twenty-five, was soon admitted to the bar and began the practice of his profession. In 1870 when but twenty-two years of age this young man was elected District Attorney from the counties of Boone and Clinton by a large majority. He was a candidate for Circuit Prosecutor in 1872, when he ran far ahead of his ticket, but was defeated by a few votes by Hon. R. B. F. Pierce. In 1872 he attended the Baltimore Convention, and in 1876 viewed the wonders of the Centennial. In the Centennial year he was elected to the State Senate from the counties of Boone and Clinton and is among the able workers in that body. He is, when at home, engaged in the practice of law in partnership with the Hon. Leander McClurg.

Mr. Kent presents a dignified appearance, and never speaks except when he has something of importance to say, calm and deliberate in judgment, neither hot headed nor impetuous. His constituents could not have selected a better man to represent their interests in the State Senate. He is rather on the blonde order, and has a well formed head and large brain force.

HENRY KRAMER,

SENATOR FROM SPENCER AND PERRY,

Was born in the Province of the Rhine in Prussia, June 23, 1846, and emigrated to the United States with his parents in 1854. His father settled in Spencer county and engaged in farming, which occupation he has pursued to the present time. The subject of this sketch received a fair education in the Common schools, after which he attended the Rockport Collegiate Institute, where he completed his education. Mr. Kramer engaged in politics at an early age, acting with the Democratic party from the time of casting his first vote. In 1870, he was appointed Deputy Treasurer of Spencer county, which position he held until 1874, when he became a candidate for the office of County Treasurer. He was elected by a larger majority than any other man on the ticket, receiving nearly four hundred more votes than the State ticket, and was re-elected in 1876 by an increased majority, again leading the County and State ticket. In 1878 he received the nomination, at the hands of his friends and party, for State Senator from Spencer and Perry counties, and was elected by a handsome majority, leading the State and County tickets in his district. Mr. Kramer is a slender, well formed and handsome gentleman, whose clear, sharp black eye denotes the intelligent legislator, working to the best interests of his constituents, is ever actively engaged in advocating any proper measure that will serve them, the State, and the political party he represents. It is rather a noticeable fact that two native born Prussians (Kahlo and Kramer) should be found legislating for the State of Indiana, in the Senate chamber.

BYRON W. LANGDON,

SENATOR FROM TIPPECANOE,

Was born August 1, 1838, at Jamestown, N. Y. He entered Union college, New York, in 1858, completing the classical course in 1861, in which year he graduated among the first of a class of seventy five. His college life was a studious and laborious one. While he mastered the course regularly laid down in the college curriculum, he pursued extra branches of study and devoted a considerable portion of his time to valuable reading and literary pursuits.

He began the study of law in the office of Huff & Jones, in Lafayette, in November, 1862, was admitted to the bar in 1863, and the same year was married to Miss Elizabeth daughter of the lamented Judge Ingram.

He entered upon the practice of his profession with Judge Ingram, who died shortly thereafter, when he associated himself in business successively with Robert Jones, Hon. Daniel Mace and Judge Huff, in partnership with whom he continued from 1866 to 1874. Since January, 1874, he has been practicing alone, building up in the meantime a lucrative business, and taking high rank as a member of the bar of Tippecanoe county.

In the fall of 1876 Mr. Langdon was elected to the State Legislature from Tippecanoe county, where he served with marked distinction to himself and rare fidelity to the interests of his constituents. He was a member of the Judiciary Committee and Chairman of the Committee on Education. No member of the Legislature of 1876 was more active, industrious and vigilant than Mr. Langdon, and his record is a source of pride to the people of Tippecanoe county.

Mr Langdon has never been a politician in the accepted sense of that term, but has aspired to be a thorough, well-trained lawyer, and has kept up the studious habits acquired

while in college. As a reward of his industry and close study he may point to a successful practice and an enviable professional record. He was elected State Senator by the Republicans of Tippecanoe in 1878 over Colonel W. C. Wilson, the National and Democratic candidate, and is one the most earnest workers in the Senatorial body.

DAVID R. LEEPER,

SENATOR FROM ST. JOSEPH AND STARKE,

Was born near South Bend, in St. Joseph county, January 12, 1832. His father, Samuel, was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and of English descent. His mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Rohrer, now deceased, was of German extraction, and a native of Montgomery county, Ohio. The father, an energetic, successful farmer, resides in the city of South Bend, where the subject of this sketch also resides, and near which place he owns and carries on a farm. When seventeen years old, Mr. Leeper, among the earliest pioneers, crossed the plains with an ox team to the Golden State, taking from February 22nd until October 11th to make the journey. He remained on the Pacific slope, engaged in mining and lumbering, till May 16th, 1854, when he took passage on the afterwards ill-fated steamer Brother Jonathan, on the Pacific, and on The Star of the West, on the Atlantic, by way of the Gautemala route, to his native home. He then attended school two years, at the Mishawaka Institute (taught by Prof. C. Fitzroy Bellows, now of the Michigan State Normal School), where, with his former schooling, he acquired a tolerably fair English education. From 1864 to 1868 Mr. Leeper was again to be found in the western gold mines, this time on the upper tributaries of the Missouri and

the Columbia, in Montana Territory. Here he was engaged in lumbering and freighting, and was nominated for the Legislature as one of the delegation of four for Helena City; but his party being largely in the minority he was defeated, though leading his ticket. Originally a Whig and a Republican, Mr. Leeper, since 1872, has been battling under the Liberal Democratic banner. In 1872, 1874 and 1876, he was nominated by acclamation by the Democrats and Liberals of St. Joseph county for the lower House of the General Assembly. In 1872 he declined the nomination for business reasons; but in 1874 and 1876 he was elected, running considerably ahead of his party ticket, and served in the succeeding Legislatures. In 1878 he was nominated without opposition as candidate for Senator for St. Joseph and Starke, and was elected by 745 majority. Mr. Leeper is the first representative from St. Joseph county that ever entered a Democratic caucus at the State Capital. The Senator from St. Joseph for the past fifteen or twenty years has occasionally contributed to the local newspapers political articles, editorials and letters of travel written while on his frequent pleasure rambles in various parts of the country. He is a finely formed, handsome gentleman, but we trust not a confirmed old bachelor.

GEORGE MAJOR,

SENATOR FROM BENTON, WHITE, JASPER AND NEWTON,

Was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, September 18, 1819. His parents emigrated to Pennsylvania from Ireland before the Revolution, and removed to Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1816. The son was educated at private school, and removed to this State in 1831 and settled in Clinton county, where he

continued to reside until 1864, when he removed to Jasper county, where he has since lived on his farm. Politically, he was educated a Jackson Democrat; voted for Van Buren, Polk, Cass and Pierce; opposed the repeal of the Missouri compromise; took part in the anti-Nebraska movement in 1854; voted for Fremont and Lincoln, and supported the administration of the latter during the war of the rebellion: he was dissatisfied with the McCulloch financial policy and favored the nomination of Pendleton in 1868, but eventually voted for Seymour; in 1872 he was a delegate to the Cincinnati Convention, and supported Trumbull, but voted for Greeley and the Democratic State ticket at the polls; at the inauguration of the Independent movement he took a prominent part, and was elevated to his present position by the Independents. In a district that had before given a Republican majority of eight hundred, Mr. Major was elected by six hundred and sixty-two votes. He resided at Remington, Jasper county, until recently when he removed to Benton county, and in 1878 was re-elected by the Nationals and Democrats by a large majority.

Senator Major is one of the most noticeable men in the Senate, on account of his being so situated as to hold the balance of power in the Senate for two legislative sessions. He is personally the most unassuming, kindest gentleman in the Senate—such a man as inspires one with confidence in his integrity and honesty of purpose. He represents four counties and is sent here by the people of those counties irrespective of politics. No man has been more misrepresented, and no member of the Senate performs his duty more conscientiously than Senator Major.

GUSTAVUS V. MENZIES,

SENATOR FROM POSEY AND GIBSON,

Was born in Boone county, Ky., in 1844, where his father was a practicing physician, and is consequently only thirty five years of age. He has passed through some wonderful epochs during a short period. At the tender age of sixteen years he enlisted in the First Kentucky regiment of United States volunteers for the three-months service, under the first call of President Lincoln, and while in service he received an appointment as cadet student in the naval academy at Annapolis, Md., in which institution he graduated in 1864.

He remained in the naval service until 1870, acting as ensign immediately after graduating. He was an efficient officer, and held the position of Lieutenant-Commander at the time of his resignation. He married an Indiana lady, Miss Essie Hovey, the beautiful daughter of General Alvin P. Hovey, and addressed himself at once to the study of the legal profession with his father-in-law, General Hovey, at Mt. Vernon.

The people of Gibson and Posey are justly proud of their Senatorial representative. He is a gentleman of fine culture and has good ideas of what constitutes a good lawmaker, and his prudence will not permit him to overstep the prerogatives of legitimate legislation or accept of compromise at the hands of cliques, rings, or designing demagogues. He has a brilliant future before him.

Senator Menzies although serving his first term in the Senate, is one of the most active members of that body. If "eternal vigilance is the price of safety" then are the safety of Democratic principles and the best interests of his constituents assured by the care and watchfulness with which Senator Menzies guards them. This marked decision of character and able advocacy of such bills as are of importance and

for the public welfare, render him already one of the leaders in the Senate. Personally he is a courteous, polished gentleman, cultured and refined—affable, yet dignified and military in bearing. There is no round on the ladder of distinction to which he may not aspire—no heights on the hill of ambition which he may not attain.

WILLIAM MONTGOMERY MERCER, M. D.

SENATOR FROM DEKALB AND STEUBEN,

Was born October 30th, 1830, in Miami county, Ohio. His ancestors on his fathers side were French. His early education was obtained at the former place, but when quite young he removed to Allen county, in this State, residing in Fort Wayne. He subsequently studied medicine in the University of Michigan at Ann Harbor, passed his final examination and received the degree of doctor in medicine in the medical department of the University of Buffalo, N. Y. He served as assistant-surgeon of the 152nd Regiment of Indiana volunteers in the late war; has acted as examining surgeon for pensioners for the last ten years; before his election as Senator, has held no official position. Senator Mercer's political principles are in strong sympathy with the Republican party. He is engaged in the drug trade and the practice of medicine and surgery in Corunna, Dekalb county, Indiana, and has made it the study of his life to excel in his chosen profession. Modest and retiring in his demeanor, unassuming in his manner, he is nevertheless watchful of the best interests of his constituents, an able legislator and a fine looking gentleman, who is a promulgator of Republican principles and a firm believer in the doctrines of Republicanism.

WILLIAM A. MOORE,

SENATOR FROM DECATUR AND RUSH,

Was born August 16, 1839, in Franklin county, Indiana, and is a lawyer by profession. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, for President, and has always acted with the Republicans. In 1866 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives, and served one term. In 1870 he received the nomination for, and was elected, Common Pleas Judge of the District composed of the counties of Rush, Decatur and Ripley, and served upon the bench until that court was abolished in 1873, since which time he has been engaged in the practice of the law at Greensburg. In 1876 he was nominated for Senator and elected, and is serving the closing session of his term. For so young a man Senator Moore has been honored by a flattering testimonial of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens in his frequent election by them to positions requiring ability, integrity and legal acumen. That he still possesses their confidence is evidenced by the fact of his election to the Senate and that he is deserving of it, the able manner in which he has advocated in the Senate chamber all measures tending to the good of his constituents will undoubtedly prove. Senator Moore was a bachelor until recently when he was married to Miss Alice Selman, daughter of Dr. Selman, a prominent Democrat formerly of Indianapolis, but now of Greensburg, an intelligent piquant and petite lady. The Senator may be congratulated as having been chosen to assume the responsible and honorable position of husband to this little lady. They reside in Greensburg, Decatur county.

WALTER C. OLDS,

SENATOR FROM WHITLEY AND KOSCIUSKO.

Walter C. Olds, the subject of this sketch is a native of the Buckeye State and was born in Delaware county, Ohio, August 11, 1846, and is consequently, at the present time, about 33 years of age. He resided in Delaware and Morrow counties until the organization of the 174th regiment Ohio volunteer infantry. When only a boy of about sixteen years he joined that regiment, donned the suit of blue and marched away with the army, serving until the close of the war of the rebellion. He returned to Ohio, completed his education; entered upon the study of law, and and in 1869 was admitted to the bar in the Supreme court of Ohio, when but 23 years of age. Three months later Mr. Olds removed to Columbia City in Whitley county, Indiana, and commenced the successful practice of his profession. Four years later, after having laid the firm foundation on which to build up prosperity and business success, Mr. Olds returned to Ohio, and gathered one of Ohio's fairest flowers, in the person of Miss Marie Merritt whom he married and transplanted from Mt. Gilead to bless his life and grace his western home. Bright-faced, intelligent and witty she stands by his side, his co-laborer and equal. In 1876 Mr. Olds was elected State Senator from Whitley and Kosciusko by the Republican voters. In the Senate chamber he is an able and dignified member, a courteous, handsome gentleman, with clear, honest blue eyes that bear in their depths a frank expression. Serving on several important committees, he performs the duties and fills the responsibilities in an able and satisfactory manner.

SILAS J. PETERSON,

SENATOR FROM MONTGOMERY,

Represents not only the county of Montgomery, but the best interests of the farmers throughout the State, being himself identified with agricultural and stock-growing interests. Mr. Peterson is a native of Ohio, but moved to Indiana in 1830 or when he was but six years of age. He received a limited education at the district school, and in 1874 held the position of County Assessor; has always been a Democrat; did not seek the nomination for Senator, nor spend a day from his business to get elected; was elected by a majority of two hundred and eighteen, and is now serving on his second and last term. Mr. Peterson is the owner of fifteen hundred acres of land, and is largely identified with the stock-growing and pork-packing interests of Montgomery county.

In personal appearance, Mr. Peterson is above the average height and weight, with gray hair and chin beard, mild blue eyes, and generous expression of countenance. He is fifty-five years of age, has been married thirty years, and has five children now living. His Post Office address is Potato Creek.

MOSES POINDEXTER,

SENATOR FROM CLARKE AND FLOYD,

Was born in Silver Creek township, Clarke county, Indiana, March 21, 1824. His father and mother were Virginians, and came to Indiana about the year 1800. When the present Senator was about thirteen years old his father died, leaving him at that early age, to assist his mother in rearing and caring for six brothers and sisters younger than himself,

being unable therefore to obtain more than a common school education. Owing to his constant work on the farm, Mr. Poindexter has always been a son of toil, a tiller of the soil, and is a worthy representative of the farming interests of his section, in the Senate. His residence at this time is on a farm near Sellersburg, his postoffice address. Mr. Poindexter has never been a seeker of, nor held any office except Justice of the Peace, until this, his first term in the Senate, for which position he was nominated by the Nationals and receiving the Republican support was elected over the regular Democratic nominee. Senator Poindexter was a former Republican and generally votes with them, though he is not a strong partizan. He has been married more than thirty years, and the wife of his youth is yet living. He is nearly or quite six feet in height, has a kindly benign expression of countenance and is a thoroughly good man.

WILLIAM H. RAGAN,

SENATOR FROM HENDRICKS AND PUTNAM,

Was born near Filmore, Putnam County Ind., March 29, 1836. His father, the late Reuben Ragan, was one of the pioneers of western Indiana, having settled in Putnam County in 1822. His mother still resides on the old homestead. Mr. Ragan is the oldest son in a family of twelve children. His education is of the primitive character, mostly picked up along the way-side during a busy life. In February, 1860, Mr. Ragan was married to Emma Fuller, of Parke County. His father having been a Nurseryman and fruit grower, he was brought up to the business, which he entered on his own account in 1860, near Filmore. Early in 1861 he enlisted in Company H

Eleventh Indiana Infantry, remaining with the Regiment until the close of the rebellion.

In March 1869 he removed to Indianapolis, engaging in the Nursery and fruit business with J. C. Weinberger, where he remained until failing health admonished him to give up the business. In Oct. 1871 Mr. Ragan located where he now resides, Clayton, Hendricks County. In 1860 he assisted in organizing the Indiana Horticultural Society, and in 1869 was elected Secretary, which place he has continued to fill with the exception of 1873, to the present time. In January 1873 Mr. Ragan was elected a member of the State Board of Agriculture, and having been thrice re-elected, is holding the position now, with time expiring on January 7, 1881.

At the Republican convention in 1874, he was nominated by acclamation for Joint Representative for Putnam and Hendricks counties, to which position he was elected by a handsome majority, in a close district. In 1876, his republican constituents nominated and elected him Joint Senator from the senatorial district of Putnam and Hendricks. Mr. Ragan was raised a democrat, continuing to vote with that party until the reverberations of hostile guns re-echoed throughout the land, when he swore allegiance to the party that reiterated the declaration "that the Union must and shall be preserved".

CHARLES H. REEVE,

SENATOR FROM MARSHALL, FULTON AND PULASKI.

Was born in 1822, in Oneida county, N. Y., but removed to Indiana at the early age of sixteen years, studied law under Hons. John H. Bradly, Samuel W. Sample and J. A. Leston, eminent lawyers of the old-time English characteristics, and well-known in this city. He was ad

mitted to the bar at Laporte, Indiana, in 1842, at the age of twenty-one, but did not enter upon the practice of his profession until 1853, and then only for a brief period. Senator Reeve located permanently at Plymouth, Marshall county, in 1846, where he married in 1850, and with his family has since remained there in a strictly local practice of his profession.

Mr. Reeve never held public office nor sought its emoluments, and was not ambitious for political preferment. His election as Senator was entirely without solicitation or action on his part. Although he has ever taken an active interest in politics it has been from a philosophical and philanthropical standpoint and not from a partizan one. He believes in a strict construction of the constitution and an adherence to principle as the basis of party organization, and is strongly opposed to all expedients and time-saving movements for success. He regards political parties as simply a "means to an end." The action of those who think alike as a unity for the accomplishment of the desired object, that accomplished the purposes of party are served.

Senator Reeve is wholly self-educated and thoroughly independent in thought and action, possesses analytical power, in a wonderful degree, is a close student and observer of human nature, a scientist and a philosopher. He is scrupulously honest, full of fun, humor and music. He is a brilliant addition to the Senatorial corps. As a thinker he is unsurpassed, as a writer his ideas are original and are fluently and logically expressed, and as a speaker he impresses even when he cannot convince. Senator Reeve is of fine nervous, sanguine temperament and delicate sensitive organization, but can remain externally undisturbed, if necessary, under almost any circumstances. He has probably acted with the Democratic party because it came nearest his way of think-

ing and he could not go "in a gang by himself." The decided stand taken by Senator Reeve on all leading questions of legislation has already given him a most prominent position in the halls of the Senate chamber.

DR. WILLIAM FRANK REILEY,

SENATOR FROM DECATUR, JENNINGS AND SCOTT,

Was born in Alexandria, Campbell county, Ky., in 1828. His father was Smith Reiley, who was a courteous, reliable gentleman of the old school, and a Jackson Democrat of the firmest type. He removed to Decatur county when the subject of this sketch was but ten years of age, he therefore received his early education in the Greensburgh schools. Mr. Reiley studied medicine under old Dr. William Armington, and while pursuing this course of study taught school in the county also. He attended a medical course in 1853-4 at the University of Michigan, and graduated from the Ohio Medical College in Cincinnati in 1858. Mr. Reiley is a successful physician and has been constantly in an extensive and lucrative practice for twenty-five years, making a speciality of obstetrical operations. Like his father, Mr. Riley has from boyhood taken an active interest in politics, having been all his life a staunch defender of Democratic principles. He was appointed a delegate to the State Convention before he had attained the age of twenty-one years. Was nominated for State Senator in a district of two hundred and twenty-five Republican majority, and by his well known character and popularity carried the election by fifty votes.

Mr. Reiley has a wife and one bright intellectual looking daughter, whose decision of charcater is already made mani-

fest. She is now completing a classical course in Oxford, Ohio, Female College. In personal appearance Mr. Reiley is of medium stature, thoughtful looking, with kindly blue eyes and a finely formed head, denoting intellectuality.

J. D. SARNIGHAUSEN,

SENATOR FROM ALLEN, ADAMS AND WELLS,

Was born in Hanover, Germany, October, 31, 1818. He came to this State and settled at Fort Wayne, in 1862, and has resided there ever since. Before coming to this country he received a college and university education. Mr. Sarnighausen is and has long been a newspaper editor by profession, and as editor of the *Staats Zeitung* at Fort Wayne, has wielded great influence among his German-American fellow citizens in the community where he lives. In 1870 Mr. Sarnighausen's claims to the Senatorship for the county of Allen were urged by the German and American friends he had made by the manly manner in which he conducted his paper. The election was so close that a contest resulted and Mr. Sarnighausen lost his seat, though on the first count he was ahead one hundred and seventy-one votes. Not discouraged, however, his friends prevailed upon him to become a candidate in 1872 for the counties of Allen and Adams, and he consented. This time he was elected by six thousand one hundred and eighty-four majority, indicating great political and personal popularity. He is a Democrat.

Senator Sarnighausen's father held a high civil office under the former kingdom of Hanover, but notwithstanding the favors royalty heaped upon the sire, the son recognizes the republican as the best form of government the world has

ever witnessed. Serving his constituents and the people of the State with great ability, taking a prominent part in all matters of interest, Mr. Sarnighausen received as a tribute of appreciation a re-election to the Senate in 1876 by a majority of 6,230 votes

ABNER H. SHAFFER, M. D.,

SENATOR FROM HUNTINGTON AND WABASH,

Is a native Buckeye ; was born in Stark county, Ohio, January 15, 1829. He graduated from the Western Reserve Medical College, Cleveland, Ohio, and located at Huntington, Indiana, August 26, 1856, and has been ever since engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery. He was commissioned surgeon of the 75th Indiana Volunteer Infantry and served as such to the close of the Rebellion. He was captured at the battle of Chickamauga, and held as a prisoner of war in the Libby Prison, and suffered through all the horrors of that institution for a period of four months, and was then exchanged and returned to the Government. Mr. Shaffer's army record is good from first to last. He was School Trustee of the City of Huntington, always taking a great interest in education. He was elected as Joint Representative from the counties of Wabash and Huntington by the Republican party, and served in the session of 1875 and the extra session following. Also was elected State Senator for Wabash and Huntington counties to the Fifty First regular session of the Legislature. Senator Shaffer was raised on a farm and was identified with agricultural and farming interests until near the age of maturity. His father and mother were of German descent, and his father was distinguished as an officer in the Continental army, serving also in the war of 1812. The Senator married Miss Lizzie J. Collins, and has

but one child living, a son, named Von Collins—one child, a daughter, died in infancy.

In politics, Mr. Shaffer is an original Republican, and probably always will be as long as the party will maintain principles to which he adheres. He is a strong partizan.

BENJAMIN SHIRK,

SENATOR FROM HENRY AND HANCOCK,

Was born in Chambersburg, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, March 20, 1819. His father being a farmer, the early years of his life were spent on the farm in agricultural pursuits. Having received a liberal common school education, he at the age of nineteen years engaged as a teacher in one of the common schools of the county. This profession he followed with flattering success until the year 1847, when, becoming tired of confinement in the school room, he determined to try his fortune in the western country, whence the great tide of emigration was then moving. Accordingly in May, 1847, he emigrated with his family to Indiana, and settled in Newcastle, the county seat of Henry. Here in this new western home he again engaged in teaching in one of the common schools of the county. In the year 1848 he opened the Newcastle Grain Cradle Manufacturing establishment, which he carried on with great success until 1853, when he sold his interest in the same and accepted the position of agent on the Chicago & Great Eastern Railroad, then running under the name and style of the Newcastle & Richmond Railroad. This position he filled to the entire satisfaction of the managers of the road and with credit to himself, until the year 1855, when he accepted the position of Deputy in

the Clerk's office of the county. With ability he managed the business of the office, and his amiable and obliging disposition won for him the esteem of all who had business transactions with him, and in the year 1859 he was elected Clerk of the county, without opposition and was re-elected in the year 1863. Having held the office for 8 years he was debarred by constitutional provision from holding it longer. In the year 1876, through the solicitations of many friends, he consented to become a candidate for the office of State Senator for the district composed of Hancock and Henry, to which office he was elected by an overwhelming majority at the October election in 1876, which term of office will expire with the closing of the present session of the Legislature. In July 1877 he was elected Vice-President of the Citizens State Bank of New Castle, Indiana, which office he still holds.

MARCUS C. SMITH,

SENATOR FROM DELAWARE AND MADISON.

To designate the precise branch of the Smith family to which Mr. Marc Smith belongs is but to name him as the only son of Oliver H. Smith, whose reputation as an eminent lawyer in eastern Indiana, as a member of the United States Senate through a long course of years, and as the author of Indiana's history, entitle him and his memory to a place on her pages as a statesman and a sage. Senator Smith (subject to the contest case with Sansbury;) is a native of Connersville, Fayette county (the old town), on the place known as the Smith farm where his father had so long resided. The present Senator was born April 11, 1825. Leaving the farm for school he was educated and graduated at Asbury University. Senator Smith has a mother still

living at an advanced age, and two sisters, Mrs. L. Sullivan of this city, one of the most active workers in benevolent enterprises, and Mrs. Mary Love (wife of General John Love), who occupies a first position in society, and is known for her interest in charitable offices exerted for the public. Mr. Smith is genial and liberal minded and has served as mayor of Muncie for a period of eight years. He was a member of the Legislature of 1856.

In politics he is a Republican and his business that of a farmer and dealer in grain. Senator Smith is a large, well built gentleman, of sound intelligence and correct thought. He resides in Muncie, Delaware county, where he has a family of beautiful and interesting children.

GEN. ABEL D. STREIGHT.

SENATOR FROM MARION.

As his name indicates, the Senator from Marion among the "Heroes of the War" is numbered; on history's page his name enscrolled. Born at Wheeler, Steuben county, New York, June 17, 1829. His father, who was a farmer in good circumstances, was known as a thorough going, industrious and honest gentleman, who early taught his son habits of industry and economy. When only seventeen years of age A. D. Straight bought his time of his father and commenced carpenter work. At twenty the young man was an extensive contractor and builder and a first-class mechanic. Engaging in the lumber business, he gave up carpentering, continuing in the lumber trade until 1857, when he embarked in the map and book publishing business. In 1858 Mr. Straight emigrated to Cincinnati, remaining there a year he removed

to Indianapolis, where he has for twenty years made his home. In this city he continued the publishing business until the beginning of the war when he was authorized by Governor Morton to recruit the 51st Regiment Indiana volunteers. His command captured the town of Moulton and participated in the battle near Sand Mountain. In December, 1861, Col. Streight was taken prisoner of war, with a large number of his command and subordinate officers, and on the 16th of May was immured in Libby prison. Patiently waiting and expecting an exchange and release in a few days, they were kept in the prison-pen, by one pretext or another, for nine long months, when, with about a hundred others, he made his escape through a tunnel sixty feet long, the digging of which had occupied them during the nights of six weeks. In 1864 Colonel Streight was elected to the State Senate, after which he re-entered the lumber business, in which he is still engaged. In 1876 General Streight was again elected by the Republicans to the State Senate, and is, and has been, an efficient and active member of the Assembly, and is spoken favorably of as the Republican candidate for Governor in 1880. The General is a whole-souled, kindly gentleman whose great heart corresponds with his physical proportions.

He entertains handsomely at his elegant home in Irvington, where he resides with his amiable wife and his only son, now married to a charming young bride.

CALEB B. TARLTON,

SENATOR FROM JOHNSON AND SHELBY.

Senator Caleb B. Tarlton was born in the year 1827, in Fayette County, Kentucky. He moved with his parents during the year 1834 to Marion county Indiana, where he

received a limited education from the country schools of those days. From Marion county he removed to Johnson county, where he has resided ever since, having been largely and for the greater part of the time the leading stock raiser of his adopted county. At the present time and for several years past, he has been successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits.

In 1857 he was elected president of the Johnson County Agricultural Society, an office he held for eight or ten years. Politically he has been a life long Democrat, steadfast in the faith, first, last and all the time, and being a man of sound mind and enlarged intelligence, the people of his county called him from the plow to represent them in the halls of legislation. In 1870 and 1871 he was in the House as a Representative from Johnson and Morgan Counties.

In 1876 he was elected to the Senate from the district of Johnson and Shelby counties. It is surmised by some that Senator Tarlton is a lineal descendent of the old English stock of Tarltons who were so prominent in the English service, and fought so well against us in the war of the Revolution, but if such is the case his old English blood has become very ethereal, as no man in Indiana is more sound in the principles and spirit of American Democracy than is the Senator from Johnson and Shelby. Mr. Tarlton is a thoughtful looking gentleman, quiet and dignified in bearing and is one of those men upon whom it can be depended that they mean just what they say, and will perform what they promise.

SAMUEL M. TAYLOR,

SENATOR FROM HAMILTON AND TIPTON.

Mr. Taylor, who graces the Senatorial floor, is an Indian, and was born in Wayne county, of this State, April 19,

1831. His grandfather served in the Revolutionary war, but his father pursued the peaceful profession of a Baptist minister. His father dying when he was an infant of two years, and deprived by death of his noble mother when he had only attained the age of fourteen He attended the subscription er's prayers for her son have not been answered, when we see that poor orphan boy who was left at that tender age to "paddle his own canoe" through a world full of temptations schools and the academy of the county. He worked on a farm, taught school and finally in 1853, entered the law office of Elliott & Mellette, of Newcastle. He acted as Deputy Clerk of Tipton county for four years, but forsaking the law, has been chiefly engaged in merchandising and milling, and is now dealing in grain. Perhaps the revolutionary spirit of his grandfather was inherited by the Senator for he entered the army in the late rebellion, serving with the 101st Regiment Indiana Volunteers during the war. In 1874 Mr. Taylor was elected Joint Representative from the counties of Hamilton and Tipton, and in 1876, having served his constituents so well, he was elected to the Senatorial body by the Republicans of those counties. His record has ever been one of honor and integrity, for he has aimed to represent all the wants of the people, and secure equity of legislation over the State. He is a gentleman of high moral standing and excellent judgment. Personally, he is tall and rather slenderly formed, having the appearance of a professional man. A witty and pleasing conversationalist, his beard and hair on the sandy order, and a face lighted with expression from a bright brown eye. Senator Taylor is married, has children, and resides in Tipton, Indiana.

WILLIAM A. TRAYLOR,

SENATOR FROM DUBOIS, MARTIN AND ORANGE.

Senator Traylor was born in Pike county, Indiana, February 5, 1843. His father in 1844 moved to Dubois county and has lived there ever since. While young in years he gave himself to books and study, pushing his way as best he could in this way in thought and knowledge, and early in his manhood he entered upon the honorable work of a teacher, which occupation he continued until he had spent seven years in the service. He read law four years in the law office of Adams & Beuttner and George T. B. Carr, at Jasper, Ind., and in January, 1868, he graduated in the law department of the State University. He at once located in Jasper, Dubois county, where he has been favored with a very fine practice in his profession. The senatorial district of Martin, Dubois and Orange counties nominated him in 1878. His election, of course, was assured, as Dubois alone gives 1,700 Democratic majority, and there was no other candidate in the field. The honorable position of chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs has been given to him in the Senate, a membership also on three or four other committees. Senator Traylor has a ready, analytical mind, and his quick discernment and thorough knowledge of legislative subjects will no doubt make him prominent as a debater, as well as a sound legislator. Senator Traylor may be termed a self-made man, having by steadfastness of purpose, and the love of knowledge worked his way upward, while many with more advantages would have remained forever at the foot of the ladder. Positive, earnest and honest in his dealing, or the cause he advocates, he is a credit to his constituents. Mr. Traylor is a married man and has a family of several interesting children.

W. B. F. TREAT,

SENATOR FROM MONROE AND LAWRENCE,

Is a native Hoosier, having been born in Adams township, Morgan county, Indiana, September 25, 1835. He is of English, Scotch and Irish descent. His father descended from the Treats of England, his ancestors passing from Connecticut to Pennsylvania and thence through Ohio into Indiana. His mother was a Mathes, descended from the Mathes of Antrim, Ireland, and the Camerons of Scotland. The families of John Treat and Jeremiah Mathes are well remembered by the old citizens of Indiana, as they were among the pioneers who "tramped down the nettles," felled the forests and prepared the way of civilization. His education was better than the usual grade, owing to the superior accomplishments of his mother, a sister of the distinguished Elder, J. M. Mathes, of Bedford, Indiana.

John Treat, his father, removed to Arkansas during the year 1852. The Senator attended an academical school at Yellville, Marion county, Arkansas, under the supervision of Prof. James Weiss. Afterwards he read medicine for two years. He finally took the field as an Evangelist under the auspices of the Christian Church, his present "tilt" into politics being the only diversion from the great work to which his energies have been for years directed with commendable vigor. Of this fact the widely extended area of his ministerial labors will bear evidence, as thousands who have listened to him in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas can testify. In addition to his labors in the ministry, he has contributed largely to the literature of the church to which he belongs, having been for years assistant editor of the Christian Record, published at Bedford, Indiana, and as co-editor with Elder J. M. Mathes, of the same paper. Also as assistant editor of the Record and Evangelist published at

Oskaloosa, Iowa. He is now one of the chief correspondents of the American Christian Review, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Besides this, he has held a number of protracted public discussions on theological subjects. Often this kind of work has compelled him to a critical and historical reading not always indulged in by members of his profession. He was not in the army and never held political position or office until his election in 1876 to his present seat in the Indiana State Senate from the counties of Lawrence and Monroe. His nomination was by acclamation in the convention. His address is Bloomington, Indiana. Mr. Treat is a fine looking gentleman and wears a long dark flowing beard, like the patriarchs of old.

MILTON TRUSLER,

SENATOR FROM FAYETTE, UNION AND RUSH,

Was born in Franklin county, Ind, October 31, 1825. His parents were from Virginia and removed to Indiana in 1812. He was educated in the common schools and engaged in school teaching at the age of twenty. This he soon abandoned and returned to the farm upon which he was reared, and agriculture has been his principal occupation ever since. He has been an active Odd Fellow for twenty-five years and is a zealous member of the Universalist Church and Sunday school. He was elected trustee of Jackson township in 1861 and continued to hold that office through the partiality of the people and his personal popularity until August, 1873, when he resigned. He was elected a member of the Legislature in the fall of 1873, as joint Representative from the counties of Fayette and Union. He was again elected in the fall of 1876 Senator from the counties of Rush, Fayette and Union. When the Whig party was in existence he professed the prin-

ciples of that faith and acted with that party. Upon the organization of the Republican party he joined that and he is now, as he has been since then, a Republican, and was elected as such to the office he now holds. He resides upon a well cultivated farm near Everton, Fayette county, and is greatly interested in laws relating to agricultural and farming interests.

STEPHEN ELBERT URMSTON,

SENATOR FROM FRANKLIN AND DEARBORN,

Was born in Hamilton county, O., March 31, 1845, moved to Franklin county, Indiana, in the spring of 1860, and entered the college in Brookville, the county seat of said county, in 1866, at which place he derived all his educational advantages. He commenced the study of law under the tutorship of the Hon. H. C. Hanna, who is well known as an able lawyer and an eminent jurist, in 1870, and entered the practice in 1872. In September, 1871, he was married to one of his school mates, a sweet faced girl, Miss Sarah Caldwell. Mr. Urmston's political principles have always been Democratic. He was elected Prosecuting Attorney for the Thirty-seventh Judicial Circuit of the State of Indiana in 1874, and served for two years. He has filled the office of Town Clerk of Brookville, since 1874. He was elected to the Senate from the counties of Franklin and Dearborn, October, 1878, by a majority of over three thousand. He has an established lucrative practice in his profession, and has won the confidence and respect of the general public, as evidenced by the large vote given him as State Senator. Dignified and thoughtful in appearance—he is ever watchful of the best interests of his constituents and thoroughly devoted to Democratic principles, and the success of the Democratic party.

FREDERICK W. VIEHE.

SENATOR FROM KNOX AND SULLIVAN.

Westphalia, in the grand old Saxon empire of Prussia, is the birth place of Senator Viehe. He was born September 2, 1832. When only twelve years of age he was brought to America, and became a resident of Knox county, where he has resided ever since. The Senator was a farmer boy until he was twenty-one, when he taught school, then attended college two years and commenced the study of law, first under Hon. David Moss, and then in the office of Hon. Samuel Judah. Completing his law studies, he began to practice as a partner with Mr. Judah. In 1877 he was a member of the House, and in 1878 he was elected Senator by a majority of 1,800. His district is composed of Knox and Sullivan.

The strong Saxon vigor of Senator Viehe's mind is evident in his well toned physical as well as mental formation. He is thoughtful and determined in the study of the right, and he evidently holds the grip on his own purposes with a high resolve to win in the end.

His popular strength at home will give him standing and influence in the future and anywhere abroad. He resides in Vincennes.

Senator Viehe is a power in the Senate. As Chairman of the Judiciary Committee he holds a most important position. He is also a member of the Committee on Elections and several standing committees. Genial and kindly, he is yet decided and just, and in the Senate never fails in his endeavor to secure legislation that will redound to the credit of the State and the Democratic party. No man ranks higher as to integrity of purpose and honesty of dealing than Senator Viehe.

ELIJAH W. WEIR,

SENATOR FROM LAGRANGE AND NOBLE.

Senator Weir is sixty-six years of age. He was born in Washington county, Indiana, in 1813, and with his people came to Lagrange county, Indiana, in 1836. The occupation of farming has been the principle life service of Senator Weir, though from 1853 to 1857 he filled the office of Treasurer of that county. The quiet retreat of rural life has been the chief pride of his years, and his long services in agricultural pursuits have imparted to his character the stamp of the honest farmer, and it is not strange that the boys of Lagrange gloried in voting for Uncle Weir, and elected him to the State Senate. He is every way worthy of the people's patronage, for Washington had no higher integrity than he. General Jackson himself never excelled him in patriotism or honor. His venerable presence adds to the dignity of the Senate, and his strict adherence to the public welfare makes him one of the pillars of this body. For forty-three years he has been living in Lagrange county, which is a garden spot of geographical beauty, where he says he has never known a crop failure in all that time. For one hundred miles east and west, and for fifty miles north and south, the northern counties of the State furnish the finest home lands of the world.

THOMAS J. WOOD,

SENATOR FROM LAKE AND PORTER,

Was born September 30, 1843 in Athens county, Ohio. He removed with his parents to Vigo county, Indiana, in 1852. He was raised upon a farm but received his education in the

city free schools of Terre Haute, where he taught in the public schools two years. He then began the study of law in the office of Hon. Wm. Mack, in Terre Haute, in 1864. He attended in 1865 the Michigan University, through the kind assistance of Mr. Mack. He graduated in law in 1867 and located at Crown Point, Indiana, where he formed a law partnership with his uncle, Hon. Martin Wood, which firm has an extensive practice. Mr. Wood believes strongly in the Democracy of the old Jefferson school, but never held extreme opinions on political questions. He is liberal minded and conservative. He was elected Prosecuting Attorney two times in succession in a Republican district of twelve hundred majority, serving well the people of his district. In 1878 the Democrats nominated him for Senator from Lake and Porter counties, which had a Republican majority of 1,120. The Greenback party ratified his nomination and gave him their cordial support. He was elected by 212 majority. This is a fair test of his popularity among the people and their faith in his sterling integrity. Mr. Wood is a persistent advocate of good schools, and all that builds up a country. His sympathies are with the agricultural classes. He claims that the welfare of the whole country depends upon the work of the farm, and that farmers should have a cheap and easy transportation to the seaboard and have the whole world for a market. He thinks the Government should give this to the producing classes. Mr. Wood is one of the largest men in the Senate, mentally and physically, weighing over two hundred pounds, clear complexion, rosy-cheeked as a school boy, with blue eyes and gold-brown hair.

DR. LEVIN J. WOOLLEN,

SENATOR FROM RIPLEY, OHIO AND SWITZERLAND.

Dr. Woollen was born in Dorchester county, Maryland, June 30, 1834. In 1849 he came to Indiana and settled at Madison, and has been a resident of the State since that time. He studied medicine at Madison, and in 1857 graduated at the University of Louisville. He at once entered upon the practice of his profession and has continued in active practice ever since. In 1876 Dr. Woollen was the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Fourth District, but was defeated by Lieutenant-Governor Sexton by a small majority, although he led his ticket in the district. He was elected to the Senate in October, 1878 from the counties of Ripley, Ohio and Switzerland, defeating for the office Philip F. Selinger, Esq., of Ripley county. Dr. Woollen has been a Democrat from his youth. He is of a Democratic family, his father having cast his first vote for President for General Jackson. He is a brother of W. W. Woollen, Esq., of Woollen, Webb & Co., bankers of Indianapolis, and of the Hon. Thomas W. Woollen, Attorney-General of the State. He resides at Vevay, in Switzerland county.

Senator Woollen is one of the most active members of the Senate. Thoroughly interested in everything, pertaining to the public welfare and of benefit to his constituents identifying himself always with Democratic principles. Personally, he is of the intellectual order, a handsome gentleman, well formed and of average size, regular features, clear complexion, a clear, penetrating blue eye shaded by dark lashes. a broad, full forehead, and a heavy suit of dark brown hair, full of mental vigor and physical health. He is an honor not only to the counties he represents in the Senate but a credit to the State as well.

EDWIN RUTHVEN WILSON,

SENATOR FROM JEFFERSON,

Representing this county in the State Senate, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, of Scotch parentage, came to Indiana when yet a child, and enjoys the distinction of having read law with a former chief executive of State and distinguished gentleman, Governor Joseph A. Wright. Mr. Wilson spent the early part of his life in northern Indiana where he received a country school education. The rudiments of knowledge once implanted in the fertile soil of the inquiring mind, will lead to the further cultivation of, and the acquirement of its greater harvest, as in the case of Mr. Wilson. He married at an early age an intelligent lady, and has but one son, now studying medicine in Indianapolis, who is also married. Mr. Wilson moved to Madison, Jefferson county, in 1867, where he has since resided. By profession a lawyer he has filled the office of Prosecuting Attorney in the Tenth Judicial Circuit, and also occupied the position of Circuit Judge in the same Circuit. Has acted as National Bank Examiner for Indiana, and is now enjoying the rural life of a farmer. Personally Senator Wilson is rather below the medium stature, whose frank, open expression of countenance betokens the liberal minded, genial mannered gentleman that he is, and whose honesty of purpose and the integrity of whose dealings are unquestioned. Previous to 1856 Mr. Wilson was a Democrat, since that time he has espoused the Republican cause and is now one of the standard bearers of that organization.

JOHN H. WINTERBOTHAM,

SENATOR FROM LAPORTE,

Was born at Humphreysville, now Seymour, Connecticut, November 13, 1813. His parents were English by birth, but American by adoption. His father was manager of a woolen manufactory for General Humphreys—Washington's Minister to Portugal, and the first importer of merino sheep. Under the supervision of the elder Winterbotham, the Humphreys mills turned out blankets and clothing for the army of the United States during the war of 1812. At the close of the war General Humphreys admitted Mr. Winterbotham to the firm as junior partner, which relation was not dissolved until by the death of the General, in 1818. Continuing the business until 1828, Mr. Winterbotham was overwhelmed with business reverses, and became a bankrupt through protective legislation. Then he came West, locating in the wild woods of the State of Ohio. Owing to these reverses Senator Winterbotham could only graduate from the old log school house in the district where the family settled, near Fredericktown. He spent several years in farming, when he left school, after which he began the sale of agricultural implements through the Western States, for Eastern manufacturers. In 1849 he became the junior member of the firm of Pinney, Lamson & Co., manufacturers of agricultural tools, Columbus Ohio. They contracted largely for convict labor in the Ohio State Penitentiary. In 1853, Mr. Winterbotham sold his interest in, and retired from the firm. He then formed a co-partnership with General G. A. Jones of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, they leasing the Iowa Penitentiary and engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements in that institution for a period of ten years. He soon after, with Gen'l C. R. Wever, established the Fort Madison National Bank, acting as its President until his removal in 1865 to Michigan City, where he con-

tracted for 150 men in the State Prison North employing them in the manufacture of cooperage, carriage bodies and gearing which met with a large sale throughout the country.

In 1871 Senator Winterbotham contracted for the services of 200 men in the Illinois State prison at Joliet, and has since carried on extensive manufactures in both these prisons, the firm name including his sons. In 1872 he was elected Senator from Laporte, and in 1876 was re-elected, and is now on his last term. He has in the mean time retired from business, placing it in the hands of his sons. He is and has been remarkably successful in all his undertakings, has first class executive ability, is decided and resolute, and a good tactician.

D. D. DALE,

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF THE SENATE,

Was born May 13, 1836, in White county, Indiana, and received more than an average education at the local public and high schools of his county. His early life was spent in tilling the soil, but at present and for some years past has practiced his adopted profession, that of the law. He served his country as Second Lieutenant of Company K, 20th Indiana Infantry, for about one and one-half years. He was married June 1, 1864, and lives with his family at Monticello, in White county. Mr. Dale has held the office of Clerk of the White Circuit Court two terms—from 1867 to 1875.

He has always been an active, positive Democrat, and for a great many years was chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee, and also of the Congressional Committee. A campaign in his town, township, county or Congressional district, without his taking an active part would be like the play of Hamlet with Mr. Hamlet absent.

The following gentlemen compose Mr. Dale's corps of assistants :

John R Hoagland, Fort Wayne ; John H. Poole, Kentland ; Royal Hicks, Rockport ; John N. Effinger, Peru ; Charles Richardson, Plymouth ; D. M. Rennoe, South Bend ; B. W. Gray, Union City ; Thos. Burroughs, Rensselaer.

C. W. WARD,

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE SENATE.

Was born at Bradford, New Hampshire, March 10, 1848. When he was four years old his father died. His patrimony being small, at the age of seven he went to work in a stocking factory at Franklin, N. H., where he continued for one year; from thence he went upon a farm where he remained until 1857, when at the instance of his uncle, O. P. Davis, he came to Indiana. Upon his arrival he was placed under the instruction of Hon. B. C. Hobbs, at Bloomingdale, Indiana, where he continued for two years. In 1866 he went to New London, N. H., where he completed his school-day life. Upon his return he entered the law office of Judge B. E. Rhoads, at Newport, Indiana, and in 1869 started to Montana Territory with Surveyor General H. D. Washburn. When 150 miles above the Yellow Stone river the steamer upon which they had taken passage was sunk and robbed by a war party of Crow Indians. The steamer was afterwards raised, but the river being so shallow the party were compelled to retrace their journey, and Mr. Ward returned to Newport. On January 12, 1869, he was married to Miss Florence Montgomery, a neice of Prof. John Collett. Mr. Ward now resides at Newport and is engaged in the practice of law. In politics he is a National, with a leaning toward the Democracy, who

elected him Assistant Secretary of the Senate, when they had it in their power to elect one of their own political faith. Mr. Ward is a gentleman of fine personae, marked social qualities and enjoys the reputation of being a fluent speaker and logical reasoner.

Upon his election Mr. Ward appointed as his assistants: W. H. Drapier, Indianapolis; Olney Newell, Lebanon; James Blanchard, Newport; John T. Campbell, Rockville; Edward J. Barry, Terre Haute.

RICHARD HUNCHEON.

DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE.

Was born and reared in Oneida county, New York, where he received a limited education. In 1852 he came to Indiana, and commenced farming in Laporte county, and has continued to pursue that branch of industry to the present time. During the late rebellion Mr. Huncheon was twice drafted, and as many times purchased and sent a substitute. In 1860 he was the nominee of the Democratic party of his county for sheriff, and when the ballots were counted, Mr. Huncheon ascertained the fact that he was re-elected—a farmer—by 900 Republican votes.

He has never had a change of heart politically, and probably never will, so firmly grounded are his convictions in the principles of the late General Jackson. In the organization of the Senate he is accredited to the County of Laporte. He is supposed to be the only person who has held successively for three sessions the position of Doorkeeper of the Senate, and certainly no one has ever performed its duties

better or more to the satisfaction of the Senators than Mr. Huncheon. His assistants are :

James Walker, Loogootee ; Wm. Langstaff, Frankfort ; Samuel Barr, Leavenworth ; Jesse Hough, Indianapolis ; John Throop, Bloomington ; Milton Tremain, Sardinia ; Louis Steup, Fort Wayne ; by resolution, Louis Jocquel, Fort Wayne.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

HENRY S. CAUTHORN,

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE—REPRESENTATIVE FROM KNOX.

The gentleman who presides over the House of Representatives in so able and dignified, yet affable and pleasant a manner, is a native Indianian and was born in the borough, now city, of Vincennes, February 23, 1828, where not only his father but his grandfather had resided before him. His father, Dr. Gabriel Cauthorn, came from Virginia, and died when the subject of this sketch was too young to understand the full measure of his loss, and which in fact he was never permitted to feel in all its depths, for his grandfather, Col. Elihu Stout, took the orphan boy to rear and educate. Mr. Stout was then the editor of the "Western Sun," which he had established at Vincennes in 1804, being the first newspaper ever published in the territory north west of the Ohio river. That brave old pioneer has long since passed to his last resting place, but the publication, the result of his labor, still continues to perpetuate his memory. In that newspaper office Mr. Cauthorn commenced his education, working as a compositor at the case. He attained a more thorough rudimentary knowledge, and the orthography of the language than he could have in those days acquired in the village school. He completed his education at Asbury University where he attended four years, graduating in 1848. Mr. Cauthorn then studied law under the direction of Benj. M. Thomas, who was at the time U. S. District Attorney for the

State of Indiana, and was admitted to the bar at Vincennes, in 1854. On the organization of Vincennes as a city, in 1855, Mr. Cauthorn was elected City Attorney and was re-elected for a second term. He was afterward elected District Attorney for the Common Pleas Court, and in 1860 was elected Clerk of the Knox Circuit Court, which position he held eight years. He then returned to the practice of his profession. Mr. Cauthorn has always been interested in matters pertaining to the general welfare and was for many years school examiner or trustee. In the year 1870 Mr. Cauthorn represented Knox county in the State Legislature. Was re-elected in 1872, serving his constituents so well he was elected to the same position without opposition receiving the almost unanimous support of the voters. That this tribute to his value as a statesman was deserved is evidenced by the fact of his having been chosen by his colleagues of the House of Representatives to preside over the deliberations of that body, and no gentleman has ever filled that trying position in a more sagacious or commendable manner. Generous impulse and kindness find expression in his face and betoken the liberal-minded, courteous gentleman. He is a staunch advocate of Democratic principles, the rights of the people, and a firm defender of the equal rights of women.

ALVIN J. ALDEN.

REPRESENTATIVE FROM DEARBORN,

Was born July 16th, 1823, in Jackson township, Dearborn county, Indiana. His parents were both Americans, his father having been born in New Hampshire, and his mother in Pennsylvania. His ancestors moved to and settled in the township where the subject of our sketch was

born, in 1817, and the son was brought up as a farmer and had only such school accommodations as the old log school house in a newly settled country afforded. His father died in 1844, but his mother resides at present in Chillicothe, Missouri. The son still lives in the township in which he was born. He served in the Legislature of 1848, 1849, 1854 and 1855. His first vote for a United States Senator was cast in 1848 for the Hon. James Whitcomb, and his next one for the Hon. D. W. Voorhees. He was also elected Recorder of his county in 1863, and faithfully served his constituents for four years. This is the only political office he has ever held, outside of his legislative career. Socially Mr. Alden is a plain old farmer, with a large heart, and in politics a firm, steadfast, unrelenting Democrat. His postoffice address is Weisburg, Dearborn county, Indiana.

RUSSEL ALLEN,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM PUTNAM,

Was born Nov. 8, 1828, at Cazenovia, Madison county, New York. He came west to grow up with the country, during the year 1837, and with his father's family, settled in Vigo county, where he received a limited education in the village schools. From 1837 to 1850 he occupied himself with farming on the Fort Harrison and Honey Creek Prairies and shaking with the ague, dividing his time about "alf and alf" between the two. In 1850 he removed to Greencastle, Putnam county, where in company with his two brothers he learned the trade of a practical stone-cutter, and carried on the business for some years. In 1857 he removed with his wife and their child to the swamps of Pulaski county. It was here that "Vox Populi" called upon him to become their

servant and he responded as real estate appraiser and county surveyor. In 1869 he returned to Greencastle and re-engaged in the stone business. He was a member of the Greencastle City Council for two years, and has held other minor offices. Mr. Allen is a thorough Democrat and desires the principles of Democracy to preface, and hopes to see the General Assembly of 1879 do all in its power to lift the pressure from the backs of the poor laboring people, and restore the confidence and prosperity so much desired by all. He receives his mail at Greencastle, Indiana.

JAMES T. ARNOLD,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM GRANT AND BLACKFORD.

The father of our sketch was born in Newberry, South Carolina, in 1789, emigrated to Ohio and settled in Darke county in 1816, when Ohio was the "far west," it being the frontier State, and Darke county was on the verge of civilization. Here he continued to reside until his death, in 1875.

Mr. James T. Arnold was born on a farm in Darke county, on April 5th, 1844. He received a common school education, and afterwards graduated at the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, in 1863. After leaving college he entered upon a busy life in mercantile pursuits. His business is that of a merchant and miller.

In his mill and factory he gives employment to 125 hands. He has always been a staunch and unflinching Republican, but has never dabbled in politics sufficient to hold or run for office before his recent successful race for his present position. In personal appearance and general contour Mr. Arnold much resembles Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Cumback, and we should judge him to be much the same in spirit and disposition. His postoffice address is Montpelier, Blackford county.

JESSE ARNOLD,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM WABASH,

Was born at Greenville, Darke county, Ohio, October 24, 1831. His father, William Arnold, was one of the very earliest settlers in that county, and one of its most respected citizens. He lived on his farm at Greenville nearly sixty years, to the time of his death, in 1875.

Jesse Arnold was educated at a country school, such as were common in Ohio thirty years ago, but having a natural taste for literature, he supplied in after life, to some extent, the want of such an education as better schools now furnish.

Mr. Arnold has read law as a literary pursuit and also as an aid to the successful management of business, in which he has large and varied interests.

In 1852, at the age of twenty years, Mr. Arnold moved from Greenville to South Whitley, Whitley county, Indiana, engaging in mercantile and manufacturing pursuits. He still owns valuable property interests there. In 1872, Mr. Arnold removed to North Manchester, Wabash county, Indiana, his present home (which is only ten miles from South Whitley), having organized the Manchester Bank, of which he is manager. Mr. Arnold's business interests are extensive and varied. He is one of the few men who, engaging young in business pursuits, have continued in the same without suspension or interruption. During all the financial changes which the past twenty-six years have wrought, he has preserved his credit and business reputation. As a public man Mr. Arnold has been chosen because he was a worker and could be useful. He is supposed to know little of the art of being popular, except as honest endeavor will accomplish that result. He has been useful as president of his town organization and where the people believe that liberal actions are devised.

Mr. Arnold is by nature, habit and principle a Republican and thinks the elements which make that party are the only ones that can give our country good government, safe and progressive.

CLARK L. BAKER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM TIPPECANOE,

Was born in Butler county, Ohio, in the year 1835, and moved with his father's family to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, in the spring of 1854. He lived with his parents until he was twenty-two years of age, when he commenced teaching school in the eastern part of the county, but soon after married and settled down on the farm where he now resides. He has always followed agricultural pursuits. His Democracy is "bred in the bone." He was elected by one hundred and six majority where the average Republican majority was six hundred and eighty-four. This, taken into consideration, that he has held the office of Township Trustee for many years, though his township is largely Republican, stamps him as a man who has always acted in the interests of the people. No one stands higher for honesty and integrity where he is known than does Clark L. Baker. He is a Presbyterian in religion. Postoffice address is Pettit, Indiana.

JOSEPH D. BARKER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM PIKE,

Was born December 10, 1854, and is consequently only twenty-five years of age. He is the youngest member of the General Assembly, and probably the youngest ever elected to

that body in this State. When twenty-one years of age he was elected Township Assessor. His occupation is that of a farmer, and his education was obtained entirely from the common schools. He is a Democrat in politics, and expects to live and die such. As a legislator he is making a record that shall satisfy his constituents, and they trust that the career upon which he has entered thus early in life may continue to brighten until he shall have attained the top round in the ladder of fame. He was married February 19, 1874. His postoffice address is Petersburg, Indiana.

ALBERT COLE BEARSS,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM MIAMI,

Was born September 11, 1838, at Peru, Indiana, in the county he now represents, and with the exception of eight years, spent on the Pacific slope, has always resided at his birth-place. He received his education at Kenyon College, Ohio, and is at present a farmer and stock raiser. Mr. Bearss during his absence in the far west, represented the State of Nevada in the legislature for three terms, and in 1867 returned to Peru. His father, Daniel Robert Bearss, was born in New York in 1809, received his education in the common schools of Western New York and Detroit, Michigan, and finally settled in Indiana, in 1828. He has lived for many years near Peru, Indiana, and has been honored by, and has honored, the people of Miami county many times. He has been elected to the lower branch of the Legislature twice, and to the Senate three times. His eldest son, George Russell Bearss, represented the counties of Kosciusko and Fulton during the years of 1874 and 1875, and now we see Albert Cole Bearss representing Miami county. So it would seem that the

genius of office holding has been handed down from father to sons.

Albert was raised a Whig, but since his majority has always been a Republican. He is a married man and is the father of two bright children. This is his first term of service in the Indiana Legislature. His post office is at Peru, Indiana.

RUSSEL BLOCKLEY,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM POSEY,

Was born in Fairfax county, Virginia, December 30., 1818, and continued to reside with his father in Virginia until 1832, when the family moved to the "far west" of those days, and settled upon the banks of the Big Muskingum, near Marietta, Washington county, Ohio. He received a common education, the best the date and locality afforded. Soon after his arrival in Washington County, his father died, and his mother soon followed her husband into the unknown future. This left the care of a younger brother and sister upon Russel, and he nobly did his duty by them. In 1837 he married, and remained in Washington county until 1848, when he moved to Posey county this State, and has always lived since that year, within the limits of Posey. From 14 years of age to the present time, he has followed farming for a livelihood and his entire life time has been one of toil and hardships. Mr. Blockley has never belonged to any secret society, either social or political. In politics he is a Democrat of the deepest dye, and darkest hue, never having voted for any one but a democrat during 38 years of his majority. His first vote for a president was for Martin Van Buren, and his last for Samuel J. Tilden. He is strictly of the Jacksonian type,

and loves the principles of that ancient old political mariner with an intense devotion. He expects to adhere to them for the remainder of his life, believing them to be the only ones, that if strictly inculcated and made permanent, will ever bring back to the American people peace, prosperity, and good will, to and between all classes, without regard to color, caste or previous condition. He has always been a hard, and ardent worker for the principles he professes, believing them to be well founded. His post office address is at Mount Vernon, Indiana.

JOHN C. BRIGGS,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM SULLIVAN.

Was born in Carlisle, Sullivan county, Indiana, September 2, 1841. His father located in the county in 1833, having emigrated from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he had just graduated at the Dickison College and at law. He was one of the solid men of the county at that date, but became involved in 1854, through his public spirit in subscribing too liberally to the capital stock of the Evansville & Crawfordsville Railroad. At an early age the subject of this sketch was thrown on his own resources. He received a fair English education in the High School at Sullivan. At the age of nineteen, on the breaking out of the Rebellion, he volunteered in the 14th Indiana Regiment and served in the army over four years with credit, coming out with the rank of Captain in the Quartermaster's Department. After a year or two spent in mercantile pursuits in the State of Mississippi, he entered the law office of Hon. D. W. Voorhees, in Terre Haute, and, after completing his studies, was elected Prose-

cuting Attorney for the Circuit composed of Vermillion, Parke, Vigo and Sullivan counties, and served two years. After the expiration of his term as Prosecutor, he practiced his profession at Terre Haute, in partnership with Mr. Voorhees, until November, 1873, when he returned to Sullivan, where continuing the practice of law, he has within the past few years, risen to the front rank among members of the bar of his native county. Capt. Briggs has never voted any but a Democratic ticket, and has been, and is, an earnest worker for his party. He is not only one of the most dignified and prominent members of the House, but he is of commanding stature, easy and graceful manners and a model specimen of manly beauty—has clear skin, fair blue eyes, and a profusion of blonde curling hair. He is an excellent speaker, strong, forcible and convincing in argument.

GEORGE H. BROWN,

JOINT REPRESENTATIVE FROM JASPER AND WHITE,

Was born in Jackson county, Ohio, May 16, 1816, of American parents. When but eleven years old his parents moved to Indiana, settling in Tippecanoe county, where he received his education in the schools of that day.

He continued to reside in Tippecanoe county until the year 1840, when he removed to Jasper county, where he has lived until the present time.

Mr. Brown is a farmer and stock dealer by occupation, but has held several minor political offices in his township and county. He was a commissioner of Jasper county for ten years, Republican in politics until 1870, since which time he has acted with untiring zeal with the Independents, or Greenbackers. In 1874 he was elected by the Independents as a

Representative, and re-elected in 1878 by largely increased majorities in both Jasper and White counties. He is a genial, whole-souled gentleman, honest as a June day is long, and is a shining light in his party. His postoffice address is Rensselaer.

EZEKIEL BROWN,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM STEUBEN,

Was born in Cayuga county, State of New York, July 28, 1831. When but five years of age his parents removed to Lagrange county, Indiana. He received a good education at the academy at Lagrange. He has always followed the occupation of a farmer and stock raiser, and never held any office but that of Township Trustee. In politics he has always been staunch Republican, and carried his county by 560 majority. Mr. Brown is one of the fine looking gentleman of the House; is fully six feet in height, weighing about two hundred and thirty pounds; is well proportioned and is married. When he shall have served his present term in the House the people of his county will no doubt further honor him for his fidelity to their and the State's interests while a member of the present Legislature. His postoffice address is at Crooked Creek.

DR. JAMES H. BRYANT,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM SPENCER,

Was born December 19, 1824, in Daviess county, Kentucky, and came to Indiana at the age of ten years, and acquired

an education by his own exertions. He followed farming until 1847 when he was appointed Recorder of Spencer county to fill a vacancy. At the beginning of the Mexican war he resigned his office, and enlisted as a private in the Fourth Regiment, Indiana Volunteers. He was subsequently appointed sargeant and served through the war, participating in several engagements. On his return from Mexico he resumed farming. In 1848 he was married, and in 1851 began the study of medicine. He attended the Iowa University College, and in 1857 located at Huntingburg, Dubois county, and entered upon the practice of his profession, which he continued until 1862, when he raised a company for the 42nd Indiana and served in the capacity of Captain nearly two years, when ill health compelled him to resign. He was in several important engagements, among which were Stone River and Perryville. After returning home he continued the practice of medicine until called to the halls of legislation.

At the last election, the doctor was chosen to represent Spencer county in the Lower House of the Legislature, and we may say that he is filling his place with dignity, intelligence and fidelity. This record, like that of his life, will no doubt meet with the approval and commendation of all honorable minds. His post office address is at Gentryville.

FRANK D. CALDWELL,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM CLINTON,

Was born in Butler county, Ohio, September 13th, 1823, of Scotch and Irish parentage. He came to Indiana with his parents in 1830, and first settled in Fayette county, remaining there, however, only until the fall of 1833, when he removed to Clinton county, where he has ever since resided. By dili-

gence he acquired a good common school education and commenced teaching school himself in the year 1845. Eight years thereafter he was elected one of the trustees of the common schools of his county, and held the office for six years. In 1856 he received the nomination on the Democratic ticket for the sheriffalty of his county, was elected by a handsome majority, and served the good people of his county with entire satisfaction until 1861, when his term expired. He then followed rural pursuits until 1863, when he assumed the editorial department of the Frankfort Weekly Crescent, but only continued as such for one year. He was one of the engrossing clerks in the Legislature during the winter of 1863.

In 1870 he was nominated by acclamation for Representative, and was elected by a large majority. In 1872 he declined a nomination, having engaged in the grain and stock trade at Kilmore station. In 1874 he was again elected to the Legislature by a largely increased majority over that of 1870. He served with distinction in that body, occupying a prominent position on the Ways and Means Committee. He was the author of a bill to raise revenue by placing his levy at ten cents on the hundred dollars, thereby reducing the taxes of the people fully one-third. Again in 1878 he aspired to the nomination, on the Democratic ticket, for the Legislature, and was triumphantly elected, having made a vigorous canvass prior to the election, against Rev. James L. Miller, the National and Republican candidate. His majority was the largest popular majority ever given any candidate for Legislative honors in Clinton county. Prior to 1854, he was a Whig, but since the disolution of that party he has found a congenial home in the ranks of the Democratic party, and expects to continue the balance of his days fighting for the benign principles of Democracy and the supremacy of the glorious old party. Address him at Frankfort, Clinton county.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CAMPBELL,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM CASS,

Was born March 4, 1835, in Starke county, Ohio. He received a common school education, and has always followed farming, preferring it to office-holding, although frequently solicited to become a candidate for office. He emigrated to Indiana in 1848, and has always lived in Cass county. He is of medium height and size, is of good address, and is married. He is a Republican in politics, and has been all his life a believer in the universal brotherhood of man, and that all men of every nationality, color or clime ought to have the same right before the law. He believes, also, that the salvation of this nation, so far as human agency is concerned, depends almost entirely in carrying out the doctrine of the equality of all men before the law. He is strictly temperate in his habits, and an ardent advocate of the temperance cause, although not a "fanatic" in his ideas of temperance. His postoffice address is at Logansport.

COL. OLIVER HAZARD PERRY CAREY,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM GRANT,

Was born in Fayette county, Indiana, February 26, 1819. His father's name was Col. Samuel Carey, who was born in New Jersey. His mother's maiden name was Sarah Goble, and she was a native of Ohio. His father was commissioned Colonel of the State militia by Gov. Jennings, and fought under General Harrison in 1812, and met his death by accident in 1828. When the subject of sketch was twelve years of age he was apprenticed to a saddle and harness maker, learned the trade and followed that line of business until the

breaking out of the Mexican war, when he enlisted in Company A, 4th Indiana Volunteer Infantry; was made 1st Lieutenant of the Company, and served under Gens. Taylor and Scott, was on the ill-fated steamer, Ann Chase, when she exploded in July, 1847, in the Gulf of Mexico; was one of the sixty survivors who reached the shore, and had to tramp sixty miles without provisions or water. While under Gen. Taylor he was stationed on the Rio Grande, at Vera Cruz, under General Scott, from which point he went to the City of Mexico, participating in all the battles on that line; was there when peace was concluded. He returned home and followed the business of saddle and harness making until 1850, when he went to California by the overland route, returning home after the absence of a year.

In 1861 was the first volunteer in Grant county under Lincoln's call for 75,000 men. Served through the three months service, participating in the battle of Rich Mountain, Virginia, as Capt. Co. B. 8th. Regiment and with his company opened that fight; he returned home in 1861, and aided in reorganizing his Regiment as Capt. Co. A. and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of the 36th. He had entire command of it after the first six months, participating in the battles from Pittsburgh Landing to "beyond Atlanta". When the regiment was mustered out he organized the 153rd and served until the close of the war, being in continuous service for four years and seven months, was wounded several times and had two horses killed under him. Upon his return home he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and is so still employed. In 1876 he was elected to represent Grant County in the House of Representatives, and in 1878 was re elected to the same position, so well pleased were his constituents with his former labor. He is a married man and has had four children, two boys and two girls—but one now living—the youngest daughter; He sacrificed one son, his last boy, in

the cause of his country during the late rebellion. Few men can point to a prouder record than the above. He has been a consistent member of the christianChurch for 35 years has taken twelve degrees in Masonry, and is serving as Capt. of Marion Commandery, No. 21, at the present time. His Post-Office address is Marion, Indiana, and his politics since the breaking out of the war have been Republican. Prior to that date they were Democratic.

WILLIAM B. CARTER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM CLARKE,

Was born in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, about the year of 1829. His parents were of Irish extraction, and died of yellow fever during the year 1833, at New Orleans, leaving the young son an orphan, in a strange land. He was sent to the Lafayette Orphan Asylum, where he remained until 1838. He was apprenticed to Edward Price, of Clarke county, Indiana, and spent three years learning to farm. Not liking farming he took service in flat-boating, commencing as cabin boy, and from that advanced rapidly to the position as a first-class pilot, in which capacity he served during the war. For years he has been engaged in piloting coal barges from Louisville, Ky., to New Orleans, and it matters not in what stage the Mississippi is, he never failed to land his charge in good shape, at the levee at New Orleans. He has made the trips during all seasons for twenty-five years, and prides himself on his proficiency. Politically, the Captain is a National-Greenbacker, and from his political standpoint, can see nothing but corruption in the two old parties. He has lived in Clarke county forty years, is a mar-

ried man, and the father of three grown boys; is a member of the M. E. Church, a true temperance man and advocate—having taken yards of temperance ribbons, and of which he is justly proud. He belongs to the Ancient Order of Free-Masons, to the Knights of Honor, and to Triumph Lodge A. O. U. W.

He is a large, fine looking gentleman, full of courage, and as daring in his legislative purposes as if he had hold of the wheel of a steamer, and was ringing his second bells. His postoffice address is at Jeffersonville.

ISAAC M. COMPTON.

REPRESENTATIVE FROM CLAY,

Was born March 30, 1832, in Hamilton county, Ohio. His father in October 1837, moved to Clay county, Indiana and settled on a farm near Brazil, where he lived until the year 1852, working on the farm during summer and attending common school in the winter. He afterwards worked at the carpenters trade until 1856, when he was employed as clerk in a retail store. He was elected a Justice of the peace in 1857, which office he held for eight years. In August, 1862, he volunteered and was elected by his company First Lieutenant, was sent to Kentucky, and was in the battle at Munfordsville on the 14th of September, 1862, and was taken prisoner and sent home, studied law, and in 1866 was admitted to practice in the Clay Circuit Court. As an attorney he has been very successful, having a large practice especially in collections and probate business.

In 1872 the democracy of his county gave him the nomination for Representative without opposition; that being the Greeley year his county went republican, and he was defea-

ted. In the year 1876 he was again nominated for the same office and was elected by a majority of 301. At the session of the legislature of 1877 he served on the committee on Organization of Courts, on Rights and Privileges of the Inhabitants of the State, on Rail Roads and on special committees on Mines and Mining, looking with great zeal after the mining interest of his county. He was the author of Compton's ventilation bill, No. 66, which, by his energy, passed the House without a dissenting vote, but was defeated in the Senate. Mr. Compton then succeeded in inserting a plank in the platform of the Democratic State Convention, calling for a ventilation bill. For this service and his general work in the legislature the miners of his county demanded his return for a second session and he was elected in 1878. At the session of the Legislature in 1879 he was on the committee on judiciary, railroads, mileage and accounts, and chairman of the committee on mines and mining; he was also on the joint standing committee on public buildings. His chief aim at this session has been to get a mining law passed for the protection of the mining interest in his county, and for that purpose he introduced Mining Bill No. 7 which, by his efforts, passed the house without a dissenting vote, and in the senate was passed after great opposition on the part of the friends of capitalists and operators. Mr. Compton has proved himself a valuable member of the Assembly.

JAMES M. CONFER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM MARSHALL,

Was born April 6, 1828, in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where he resided until 1859, when he moved to Plymouth, Marshall county, Indiana, and has resided there to the pre-

sent time. In 1850 he graduated as a physician from the University of Medicine, at Philadelphia, and has devoted his time from 1850 studiously to the practice of his profession. The only civil position he ever filled was that of Chief of the Fire Department. He served two years, from 1846 to 1848, in the 2nd Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Mexican war, also as Captain of Company K., 29th Regiment Indiana, Volunteer Infantry, and as surgeon in the same Regiment, during the late rebellion. He has never held any political office whatever, and never voted for any man except he was a Democrat, unadulterated. He did not even vote for Horace Greeley when a candidate upon his national ticket for President. Mr. Confer takes his politics, like a Deadwood miner takes his whiskey, "straight." His post office address is Plymouth.

JOSEPH W. CONNAWAY,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM FAYETTE AND UNION,

Was born in Fayette county, Indiana, September 8, 1836. Was raised to the age of twenty-one years upon a farm, without any opportunity of attending school. After his majority, however, he determined to acquire an education, but had to depend wholly upon his own resources. By industry and the strictest economy, and by alternately teaching and attending school he was enabled to complete his education at Oxford, O, in the summer of 1864. During the following year he was employed as Principal of the High Schools at Liberty, Indiana, and performed his duties with credit to himself, and to the entire satisfaction of the patrons of the school. He then turned his attention to the profession of law, reading one year under the tutelage of the Hon. Jonathan Gor-

don, and one with Gen. Tom Bennett. In 1868 he opened an office at Liberty, Indiana, and began to practice his profession, and has continued to so do with marked ability. As an advocate he is very successful. In politics he is an unswerving Republican, in whose politics there is no guile, and he has taken an active part in political campaigns for several years past. Postoffice address, Liberty.

JOHN B. CONNOR,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM MARION,

Was born in April, 1831, in Jennings county, Indiana, and received his education in the schools of his native county. He has always had a weakness for the "quill," and for twelve years was the editor and publisher of the Vernon Banner, issued at Vernon, in Jennings county, this State. In 1859 he was elected Recorder of his county, serving but two years, when he resigned the office, and aided in recruiting a company and entered the army in 1862 as First Lieutenant of Company "A," 12th Indiana Regiment. After the Battle of Richmond, Ky., he was promoted to the captaincy of his company and served with his regiment until it was mustered out. He has been a resident of Indianapolis for nearly five years, and has returned to his first love—being one of the proprietors and publishers of the Indiana Farmer. He is a tried and true Republican and was elected by a majority of 1,000 votes. In personal appearance Representative Connor is of medium height, rotund in build, and has black eyes, hair and whiskers. He is strictly temperate in his habits, and is hale and hearty in body for a man two score and ten years old.

ARTHUR C. COPELAND,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM KOSCIUSKO AND FULTON,

Was born December 22, 1842, at Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio, and in 1843 moved to Marion, Ohio, where he resided until 1866, when he became a permanent resident of Indiana. He opened the Rochester Bank in 1866, and the First National Bank, of Rochester, in 1872, and during its existence held the position of President of the Bank. He is at present the cashier and owner of the Rochester Bank. He was a member of the regular and special sessions of the Legislature of 1877, serving as chairman of two important committees, and is now a member of the three principal committees of this session. In politics he is a radical Republican, and decidedly in favor of honest money.

Representative Copeland is yet a young man, being scarcely in the prime of life, and we predict for him a bright future. He is a bachelor, and receives his mail at Rochester.

DANIEL A. CUNNINGHAM,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM HARRISON,

Was born February 16, 1842, in Harrison county, Indiana, and during the first seven years of his life resided in Louisville, Kentucky; then in Andrew county, Missouri; then in Tipton county, Tennessee, and back in 1849 to his native county, where he has continued to reside for the past thirty years

His early life was spent in working on a farm in the summer time, and in attending the schools of his county during the winters and, having never had the opportunity of a collegiate

course of training, Mr. Cunningham may be styled a self-made man. He has made some headway in life's success, for it is no small honor to represent the commonwealth of Harrison in the State's Assembly.

His quiet and unassuming nature forbids his becoming a noisy member like Billy Herod, "the man without a bill," yet he is likely to become more than an average member in point of usefulness, by exercising good judgment in considering all public measures. He is a staunch Democrat and was elected by the overwhelming majority of 666 votes, and is now serving his first term in the Legislature.

Mr. Cunningham, as will be seen, is just in the prime of life, and will undoubtedly make his mark "ere life's fitful fever is o'er." His postoffice address is Locust Point, Harrison county.

JOSEPH S. DAILY,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM ADAMS AND WELLS,

Was born in Wells county, Indiana, May 31st, 1844, where he has continued to reside ever since. His father's family formerly came from the State of New Jersey, and were among the pioneers of Eastern Indiana.

The subject of this sketch obtained his literary education in the public schools of Bluffton, Indiana. He chose the profession of law, and was admitted to practice at the age of twenty-one. He graduated from the law department of the State University at Bloomington, Indiana, in February, 1866 and immediately thereafter entered upon the practice of his profession at Bluffton, where he has been actively and successfully engaged ever since. He has held various offices of trust and profit. In

1866 he was elected District Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial District. In 1868 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney for the Tenth Judicial Circuit, and was re-elected in 1870, and again in 1872. In 1874 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney for the Twenty-sixth Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Daily is of Irish and German extraction, and a gentleman of excellent physical and mental proportions. His perseverance, firm presence and superior ability as an advocate, have won for him marked success in his profession. He possesses rare social qualities, which render him very popular throughout the counties of Northeastern Indiana, where he has practiced.

He is representing the counties of Adams and Wells, and it is hardly necessary to add that he is a Democrat, true and tried. In every campaign his voice, time and means are used in furthering the success of his chosen party. His postoffice address is Bluffton, Wells county.

LYCURGUS DALTON,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM LAWRENCE,

Was born April 17th, 1845, in Owen county, Kentucky. He moved to Indiana and settled in Bedford, Lawrence county, in October, 1860, where he has continued to reside ever since. He has never cast a vote in any place other than Bedford. In 1872 and 1876 Mr. Dalton was the nominee of his party for clerk of his county, but was beaten each election by small majorities. In 1875 he was more successful as candidate for State Librarian, being chosen by the General Assembly of the State. In the fall of 1878 he was nominated by acclamation as Representative from Lawrence, one of the very strongholds of Republicanism in the State. His oppo-

ent was Hon. George G. Dunn, one of the most popular men in the county, and the campaign was most hotly contested, resulting in the election of Mr. Dalton.

Representative Dalton's maiden vote was cast in 1864 for Hon. Joseph E. McDonald for Governor, and he has never voted any other than the straight Democratic ticket, and like a faithful friend to his party never has failed to vote.

Mr. Dalton is making an exemplary record as a legislator, having been the author of the bill repealing the railroad subsidiary act, and the six per cent. interest bill which the House passed, and also the State loan bill, as well as the fee and salary bill, which passed the House. However, in justice to his well known liberality, we desire to say that the bill was very much changed after leaving his hands, still reducing the fees of the county and State officers really below what such officers are justly entitled to.

JASPER DAVIDSON,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM GIBSON,

Was born in Pike county, Indiana, October 13, 1838, of American ancestors. He only received an ordinary common school education, but so improved each shining hour, in imitation of the little busy bee, that in the course of human events he became a successful teacher in the schools of his county for seven years. Was always a farmer, following that avocation during the summer time and teaching school in winter. He moved to Gibson county in 1871, and was elected to the State Senate in 1874, and in 1878 the Democracy of old Gibson sent him, by "a large majority," to the other branch of the Legislature. His Democracy is of the most

virulent type. He is one of the most successful farmers in the county, and a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and although forty-one years of age has never darkened the door of a saloon or indulged in the noxious weed. Address the gentleman from Gibson county, at Hazelton.

JOSEPH DAVIS,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM BOONE,

Was born September 1, 1821, in Miami county, Ohio. Removed to Indiana in 1836, and has resided here ever since. He is one among the pioneers passing through the humbler walks of life. He is a National in politics, a blacksmith by trade, and a preacher by profession. He is one of the very few men who practice what they preach. He was elected to the present Legislature by a majority of four hundred and fifty votes, and has never served in any former political position, and never was even an applicant for a place. His post office address is Thorntown, Boone county.

JOHN QUINCY DONNELL,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM DECATUR,

Was born February 26, 1848, in the county he now represents, and has always been a resident of Indiana. His education was completed at Oberlin College, Ohio, entering the Freshmans class in 1866, and graduating with the same class in 1870. He was admitted to practice law at the bar in his county in 1878; is a republican of abolition antecedents, and was elected by a majority of 17 votes in a county that went democratic on the state ticket. Is now serving his first term as a member of the Legislature.

ITHAMER H. DRAKE, M. D.,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM RIPLEY,

Was born in Lebanon, Warren county, Ohio, September 4, 1828. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, and moved to Warren county, Ohio, in 1792 when only six years of age. The mother of our sketch was born in Delaware and came with her parents to Lebanon, Ohio, in 1798, when but two years of age.

The elder Drake was one of the strong men of the Miami Valley, a valient soldier under General Harrison, and for many years engaged in trade between Cincinnati, Ohio, and New Orleans, when steamboats were a curiosity. Dr. Drake was educated at the Lebanon Academy. Was principal of Pearl River Academy, Madison county, Mississippi, from 1848 to 1850. He graduated at the Cleveland, Ohio, Medical College in the class of 1852-3, and located in Putnam county, in this State in May 1853. Was married in the following September to Miss Christena M. Morrison, of Cleveland, Ohio, and was soon in the largest practice of any physician in the county. He was elected president of the Putnam county Medical Society in 1855, and continued the practice of medicine until 1867, when he moved to Oberlin, Ohio, to educate his family. He soon built up a lucrative practice at Oberlin, but the climate was too severe for his family, and during the following year he located in Ripley county, Indiana, and again engaged in the active duties of his profession. He succeeded General G. W. Russ, now Adjutant-General of Indiana, as School Examiner, and filled the position with entire satisfaction to his people. His post office address is at Delaware, Ripley county.

HENRY DROVER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM HUNTINGTON,

Was born in Germany, Amt county, Sternburg Lippe Detwold Protectorate, Prussia, on the 15th day of January, 1815, and sailed from Bremen, Germany, on the 1st of May, 1840, and landed at Baltimore, Md., on June 1st. He came west in 1841, and settled on a farm about five miles southeast of Fort Wayne, Ind., where he resided about five years. In 1846 he removed to the city of Fort Wayne, and followed boating, as captain of a canal-boat on the Wabash and Erie canal. He was a Councilman for several years, and President of the Fire Department of the city. In 1856 he moved to Huntington, Ind., and was elected Mayor of the city in 1857, and township trustee in 1858; also elected township trustee in 1861-2, and again in 1866, and served as such until the spring of 1878, when he was nominated for Representative and elected as such during the following fall. He is now giving his services to the State at large just as faithfully as he gave them to his township, city and county during previous years. Henry Drover, as a Representative, is undoubtedly the right man in the right place and this fact the people of Huntington county have discovered. His post-office address is Huntington, Huntington county, where he is engaged in the manufacture spokes and bent wood work.

DR. STANLEY W. EDWINS,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM MADISON,

Was born in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, on the 22nd day of February, 1836. His parents were of the old Huguenot stock and moved from South Caroline to Louisiana. The

subject of our sketch left home when of a very tender age and settled in Tennessee. Learning the trade of an ornamental painter, he acquired sufficient means to complete his education, and graduated in medicine. He resided in Tennessee until the breaking out of the rebellion when he came North and settled in Randolph county, Indiana, where he entered upon the practice of his profession. Here he remained until 1863, when he received a commission as surgeon of the 124th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served with distinction as a medical officer until the close of the war. He removed to Madison county in 1865, and engaged himself assiduously in the practice of his profession, acquiring a reputation as an oculist and surgeon second to none in eastern Indiana. He has gained quite a competence by his practice and is among the wealthiest physicians in eastern Indiana.

In politics the Doctor is a strictly uncompromising Democrat, but is courteous and gentlemanly in his bearing toward his political opponents.

He was elected in the fall of 1878, over Judge Winbern R. Pierce, a prominent lawyer of Anderson, by a majority of 790 votes. His home is Franklin, Madison county.

WILL E. ENGLISH,

JOINT REPRESENTATIVE FROM MARION AND SHELBY.

The subject of this sketch is a native of Scott county, Indiana, moving to Indianapolis at an early age, where he has since resided. Mr. English has the honor of being the youngest member of the House of Representatives, and of representing the metropolitan district, the largest in the State, comprising over 31,000 voters. He comes of a family pro-

minent in the political history of the State and of the Democratic party, and is the third of his immediate family to hold a seat in the House of which he is a member. His grandfather served in both branches of the General Assembly altogether about twenty years, and as U. S. Marshall under President Buchanan, and his father, the Hon. Wm. H. English, has long been one of Indiana's leading citizens, having held many important positions, among them Secretary of the Constitutional Convention, Speaker of the House of Representatives, of Indiana, and member of Congress for eight years, during which time he became famous through the introduction of his celebrated "English bill," and is a man of national reputation. His son has inherited the family traits and although but twenty-six years of age at the time of his election, has already taken a high place in the councils of the Marion county Democracy. He began active participation in politics some years previous to his majority, and has been an officer in every organization of the Young Democracy of Indianapolis since the campaign of 1868, at which time he was President of a youthful campaign organization. Having acted as treasurer of the Young Men's Greeley Club of 1872, Vice-President and President of the Hendrick's Club for several years, President of the leading campaign club of Indianapolis during the Tilden campaign, and at present President of the well-known "Young Men's Democratic Club, of Indianapolis," a recognized power in local and State politics. Mr. English has for many years been a member of the Democratic City Central Committee of Indianapolis, and is at present holding the important position of Chairman of that Committee. He so ably conducted the affairs of the city campaign of the spring of 1878, which resulted in such benefits to his party, that in recognition of his great ability as a political organizer and manager he shortly after was unanimously chosen to the position of Chairman of the Marion

County Committee and given the general management during the exciting State campaign of 1878. It was while holding this important position that he was nominated by the Democrats of Marion and Shelby counties as their candidate for joint representative, over several able and talented competitors, one of them an ex-United States Senator. His canvass was most thorough, and his race attracted general attention throughout the whole State, being one of the most brilliant on record, and although his district was carried by the Republican party two years before by a majority of nearly 700, and at the time of his election, on the general ticket by over 200, Mr. English was triumphantly elected, leading his ticket nearly four hundred votes. Mr. English was prominently spoken of for the Speakership of the present House, but modestly refused to allow his name to be used, feeling that one of more years and greater experience than himself should be chosen. He is a young man of fine presence and of great personal popularity, a quick and ready debater and a clear and forcible speaker, whose future promises to be brilliant and successful.

THADDEUS SEYMOUR FANCHER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM LAKE,

Was born in Huron county, Ohio, in 1846. After being fully initiated into the practical workings of farming by industrious, energetic parents, attending school during the winter season and laboring on the farm during the balance of the year, at the early age of eighteen he entered Oberlin college, where he continued for several years, part of the time teaching, and working his way through as best he could, under unfavorable circumstances and with limited means,

but an abundance of energy and determination.

In 1868 he came west, located in Crown Point and commenced the study of law. After reading law about three years, he entered the law class at the Michigan University and received his diploma in 1871. He returned immediately thereafter to Crown Point and for the first time unfurled to the world the all-important imaginary emblem of a young lawyer—his law sign—and commenced the ups and downs that a young lawyer has to contend with at the beginning of his practice of law.

In 1873 he was elected Superintendent of the Schools of his county and held the office one term and was re-elected but resigned for the purpose of devoting his entire time to the practice of law.

In 1878 he received almost the entire vote of the Republican convention, against several other candidates, and was elected Representative to the General Assembly by a correspondingly large majority, at the regular election following.

Mr. Fancher is modest and unassuming in manner, but evinces excellent judgment and clear perception of the duties of the position to which he is called. He is but thirty-three years of age and is a credit to the county he represents and the citizens who elected him.

CHESTER R. FAULKNER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM RIPLEY, RUSH AND DECATUR,

Was born July 27, 1820, in Hamilton county, Ohio. When but seven years of age his parents moved to Dearborn, Indiana, where, as a farmer, he resided until 1860, when he moved to Ripley, Dearborn county. He was and still continues to be "an old war horse" in Democracy, and fought

many battles along with the Lanes, Dumonts, Slaters and other Democratic braves of those old classic hills. He is a farmer by occupation, and in politics a Democrat to the core. He has never been in the Legislature before his present term, and was elected by one hundred and thirty-four majority over Colonel J. H. Wolf, of Rushville, and has held the office of Township Trustee for one term. He was Deputy Sargent-at-Arms during the recent "8 to 7 fiasco," and assistant Door-keeper of the House of Representatives in Congress. Though somewhat advanced in years Representative Faulkner is as full of life and as wide awake as any one of his compeers in the House or elsewhere. His post-office address is Holton, Ripley county.

OLIVER E. FLEMING,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALLEN,

Was born in the year 1851, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at which place he received his early education, graduating from the free schools in 1868, with distinction, delivering the Latin salutatory for his class. At these schools he became proficient in both the sciences and classes, and in 1869 he entered the Military Institute, at Fairbault, Minn., for the purpose of completing his collegiate course. In this Institute he carried off the honors as an orator and ready debator, and was awarded a medal for his proficiency.

Mr. Fleming, although endowed with a vigorous, active mind, is sadly afflicted in bodily health, and to avoid if possible, his terrible enemy—dyspepsia, he went to California as a practical surveyor. In 1871 his health seemed fully restored, and he again entered College, this time at Princeton, New Jersey, and after four years of hard study he again graduated. Mr. Fleming has attracted considerable attention as a ready speaker and debator, and the Democrats of Mercer

county, New Jersey, recognizing this fact, invited him to assist them in the election of their candidate, Mr. Vanderbilt, to the Legislature. The election was close and hotly contested, and was undoubtedly successful only through the efforts of Mr. Fleming. He entered the law office of Coombs, Morris & Bell, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was admitted to practice in 1877, and formed a co-partnership with Hermer C. Hartman, and immediately entered upon a lucrative practice. His many good qualities combined to fit him for almost any office in the gift of the good people of old Allen, and they chose him as their Representative to the General Assembly, his majority being three thousand four hundred and sixty-six. Just as he was entering upon the discharge of his duties, his old enemy, dyspepsia, again attacked him, and has probably disabled him from an active public life. In personal appearance and manners. Mr. Fleming is all that a perfect gentleman could wish to be, and it is the hope of all that he may soon be able to resume his labors and by his works prove the bright promises of his past life. His address is at Fort Wayne.

BERNARD H. FLODDER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM FRANKLIN,

Was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, July 15, 1847, of German parentage, and came to Indiana in the year 1867, settling at Oldenburg, where his father was running a woolen mill. After six years of successful business relations, the elder Flodder died, leaving Bernard to carry on the business, which he has done, with the assistance of a younger brother.

Mr. Flodder has served as Trustee of Ray township, three terms; as Clerk of the Oldenburg Corporation for five years,

and is at present a member of the Town Council. He was elected by a majority of 1,300 votes, and is now serving his first term in the Legislature.

In politics, Mr. Flodder is Democratic, as were his ancestors for past generations. He is a quiet, unostentatious man exceedingly modest, and as a legislator is making a record that will be satisfactory to his constituents and of which he will be proud. His post-office address is at Oldenburg.

ARTHUR D. GALBRAITH,

JOINT REPRESENTATIVE FROM BARTHOLOMEW AND BROWN,

Was born October 31, 1840, in Bartholomew county, Indiana. His father was born in Hawkins county, East Tennessee, and served through the war of 1812, participating in several hard-fought battles against the Seminole Indians of Florida. He came to Indiana in 1833, and bought from the government the farm where the subject of our sketch now resides. Mr. Gailbraith inherited the true principles of Democracy, untempered, from his father. He has been a farmer and stock-raiser all his life, and has prospered. His father lived to the good ripe old age of four score years, and it is to be hoped the son may also live long and continue to prosper. His post office address is at Hartsville, Bartholomew county.

THOMAS J. GARROUTTE,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM ST. JOSEPH AND MARSHALL,

Was born in Washington county, Ohio, in 1823, and for years has been engaged in the cultivation of the soil. He emigrated

to Indiana during 1830, and has resided nearly half a decade within her borders. His education in early life was liberal, and his mild and gentlemanly deportment marks him in his present relation, as a legislative worker of the cautious and honorable stripe. Although born and raised a farmer and in later years engaged in the mercantile line in the village of New Carlisle, his home, he fills his seat well, with the grace of contentment, and votes on all occasions as if born to the duty. As the Representative of St. Joseph and Marshall counties, he has before him the duties of a well burdened public servant. We are confident, however, that he will fill the bill, and show himself competent for any emergency. His politics have always been Democratic, and his majority at the late election was 930. Address him at New Carlisle, Ind.

HENRY GINZ,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM ST. JOSEPH,

Was born at Alzey, Rheinhessen, Germany, February 6th, 1830. He emigrated to America in 1854, and settled at Laporte, Laporte county, Indiana, where he followed his trade, that of a carpenter, until the year 1864, when he moved to Indianapolis, Ind., and engaged in busines for five years. In 1869 he removed to South Bend, Ind., carrying on the grocery business for three years, at the expiration of which time he engaged in the milling business, and is at present manager of the well-known firm of Knoblock, Ginz & Co. Mr Ginz received his naturalization papers in 1856 and from that day to this has not ceased to vote the straight Democratic ticket, from "A to Izzard." James Buchanan—not the "plan" of our day, but the old man from Wheatland—received his first vote for President. He was nominated

against his earnest desire, but reflects great credit in the way he attends to his duties as a Representative. His postoffice address is at South Bend, Ind.

JOHN MASON GOLDEN,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM JEFFERSON,

Was born in Pendleton county, Kentucky, March 20, 1846. Mr. Golden's parents are of English stock, and were raised in Kentucky, where he was born. The early part of his life was spent on his father's stock farm. By attending the public schools during the winters he obtained a fair English education. At the age of eighteen he commenced teaching in the public schools of his native county and proved to be a very efficient teacher. Subsequently, he received an Academic education at the Independence Academy, in Kenton county, Kentucky, after which he commenced the study of law. His health failing during the prosecution of this study, he turned his attention to farming, hoping thereby to regain his health. Mr. Golden removed to Jefferson county, Indiana, October 1, 1873, and has since resided in that county, where he has been actively engaged in teaching, employing his spare time in study of medicine. He is now giving his attention to the study and practice of law, which he expects to follow as a profession. Mr. Golden has filled the public positions of School Examiner of Kenton county, Kentucky, and Trustee of Republican township, Jefferson county, Indiana.

Politically, Mr. Golden is a Republican, casting his first vote for Gen. Grant, for President of the United States. His majority over his competitor for Representative was two hundred and ninety-five votes. Personally, he is a little above

medium height, of slender build, symmetrical and graceful, olive complexion, with black eyes and beard and a broad full forehead, refined, courteous and well bred.

JONATHAN W. GORDON,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM MARION,

Was born August 13, 1820. His father, William Gordon, was an Irish laborer who emigrated to the United States in 1790 and settled in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where August 18, 1795, he married Sarah Walton, a native of Virginia, by whom he had fourteen children, of which the subject of this notice was the thirteenth. The father migrated westward with his family in 1835, and settled in Ripley county, Indiana, where he resided until his death, January 20, 1841. His wife survived him until May, 1857, when she too died.

In the meantime Mr. Gordon married Catharine J. Overturf, April 3, 1843, entered the practice of law in 1844, went to Mexico in 1846 as a volunteer in the Third Indiana Regiment, lost his health, and upon his return studied medicine on account of hemorrhage of the lungs, received the degree of M. D. in 1851. He removed to Indianapolis in 1852, and resumed the practice of law. He was elected a member of the House of Representative from Marion county in 1856 and 1858, and during the latter term was twice chosen Speaker. In 1860 he joined the Ninth Indiana Volunteers in the rebellion and was promoted to the majorship of the Eleventh United States Infantry, in which capacity he served his country until 1864. He again began the practice of law in

Indianapolis where he gained a fair reputation as a criminal lawyer. Major Gordon is one of the brilliant men of the West, and possessing, notwithstanding his fifty-eight years, all the vigor and mental strength of twenty years ago. He lost in the war his only son, and by death his beloved wife, who left him with three beautiful little daughters. The Major afterwards married Miss Julia Dumont, the daughter of the late General Dumont. The offspring of this marriage is one son. Personally Major Gordon is of commanding height, straight as an arrow, his hair is gray and in strange contrast with his piercing dark eye. He gives voice to many a *jeu d'esprit* in the legislative hall.

AUGUSTUS C. HANDY,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM HANCOCK,

Was born in Scott county, Kentucky, June 5, 1812, and acquired an education by his own industry. He emigrated to Indiana nearly fifty years ago, when a young man. Mr. Handy was engaged in the construction of the old State House, from its commencement until it was completed, when he removed to Shelby county, where he was twice elected to the House of Representatives. After these two terms expired, he was elected to the State Senate for four years, and was afterwards appointed by Governor Whitcomb, Marshal of the Sixth Congressional District, to collect and make returns of the vote for President and Vice President, but, having removed from the State, did not accept. He did not remain away long, however, but returned to Indiana in 1852, and settled in Hancock county. In 1870, he was elected Auditor of his county, and served in this office four years, and in 1878 was nominated by the Democratic party of that county for State Representative, and was elected by the largest majority ever given in the county.

Mr. Handy is an honest, true-hearted gentleman and a liberal minded Democrat. He has presented several important bills during the session, and his experience as a public official renders him an intelligent and able advocate of good and wholesome laws. Integrity of purpose and honest principles have marked his career, and made of him a notable example of the office seeking the man rather than the man the office.

NATHAN HARLAN,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM WAYNE,

Was born in Wayne county, Indiana, in Franklin township, September 16, 1831. He has always resided in Wayne county; is a Republican, pure and simple, never having voted any other ticket in his life; was Trustee of Franklin township for eight years, and has held several offices of honor. His occupation is merchandising. His religious belief is that the Bible is the only guide, to the exclusion of all creeds and confessions of faith. His personal appearance strikes one very favorably, he being about five feet ten inches in height, fair in complexion, with eyes of blue, and hair inclining a little to the sear and yellow period. He is rather heavy in build, weighs somewhere about two hundred pounds, and is exceedingly social in his disposition. Bethel, Wayne county, Indiana, is his post office.

THOMAS HART,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM MARTIN AND DUBOIS,

Was born in Kildare county, Ireland, on the 24th of June, 1822, and came to America in 1840, settling in Washington county, Indiana. His father was a farmer and raised

the son to the same occupation. Mr. Hart worked as a hired man for three years, when he married and commenced farming for himself. In 1848 he moved to Martin county and bought a farm of four hundred and eighty acres, upon which he now resides. In his early days, he received but a meagre education, such as the schools of those days afforded. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace for four years in Washington county. In Martin county he served as Commissioner for nine years, and as Assessor and Land Appraiser for eight years. In 1878 he was elected as the Representative of Martin and Dubois counties by four thousand and three hundred majority. He has always been a Democrat and can be addressed by mail at his postoffice, Shoals, Ind.

WILLIAM WIRT HEROD,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM MARION,

Was born at Columbus, Bartholomew county, Indiana, on the eighth day of February, 1835, and resided there until about the middle of April, 1875, when he moved with his family to the city of Indianapolis. His early life, to about 1859, was spent as a clerk or salesman in a general retail store. In 1861 he graduated in law at the University of Louisville, Kentucky. His education, such as he has, was obtained in our old-fashioned country school. His father was William Herod, born and reared in Bourbon county, Kentucky, locating at Columbus in 1824, from where he was twice elected to Congress and frequently to the Legislature of the State.

The subject of this sketch was the Republican candidate for State Senator in 1866, but was beaten by Hon. T. G. Lee; was the Republican candidate for Congress in 1872 from the old Third District, and was beaten by Hon. W. S. Holman.

"Billy," as he was familiarly called, was raised a Whig, but never voted the ticket, as the disruption of the party occurred just as he attained his twenty-first year, and he heartily espoused the Republican cause, casting his first vote for General Fremont.

As a legislator, especially as one serving his first term, Representative Herod has already made a record second to no member in the present or any former body in this State. During the canvass, Billy intimated that he would be the "man without a bill" in the House, but upon the first call of counties Mr. Herod hurled thirteen bills upon the Clerk's table, and is now the author of twenty-nine altogether. He is a man who relies wholly upon his own resources, is cool, calm, but exceedingly plucky, and never waits for his enemy to surround him. He is a ready and fluent speaker, and being fair, positive and earnest, bids fair to be one of the leading spirits in the House. Being but forty-four years of age, it is not to be presumed that either his ambition or career will end in this State. He is above par socially, and his geniality is known the State over.

ALEXANDER HESS,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM WABASH AND HUNTINGTON,

Was born in Richland county, Ohio, September 10, 1833. His father was a native of Germany, but his mother was of American birth. He removed to Wabash, Ind., in 1849. Received a common school education and followed school teaching prior to the breaking out of the war of the rebellion. He served three months as a private in Company H, Eighth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, re-enlisting for three years on September 12, 1861, in Company F, Second Indiana Cavalry, in which regiment he served as Orderly

Sergeant until April 15, 1862, when he was promoted to the position of First Lieutenant of his company. On March 8, 1863, he was promoted to the Captaincy of his company, in which capacity he served until he was mustered out with his regiment in October, 1864.

He then studied law, and commenced its practice January 18, 1866. He was elected in 1870 Prosecuting Attorney for the Eleventh Circuit, composed of the counties of Carroll, Cass, Miami and Wabash, and by reason of his efficiency and popularity, was re-elected in 1872. He is at present engaged in the practice of law at Wabash, Ind. In politics he is Republican.

JOHN STEWART HOPKINS,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM VANDERBURG,

Was born October 8th, 1811, in Oswego county, New York, where he spent the first nine years of his life. In 1820 he came West with his father's family and has resided for the past fifty-eight years continuously in the county of Vanderburg, having been elected Representative by about three hundred majority. Mr. Hopkins is a merchant and banker at Evansville, and has filled the offices of Mayor of the city and member of the Common Council. At present he is the President of the First National Bank, and also of the Evansville, Cairo and Memphis Steam Packet Company. Has also served his constituency as a member of the Legislatures of 1861 and 1867.

Politically Mr. Hopkins is now and has been since the birth of the party, a Republican. Personally he is a good specimen of the fine old gentlemen we love to read about, and during his boyhood and early life must have been very handsome. His post office address is Evansville.

JACKSON HOSMER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM LAPORTE,

Was born September 30, 1818, in Wayne county, Pennsylvania. His boyhood was spent on a farm, as was his father's before him, and his education was only such as the common schools of his day afforded. In the winter of 1838 he came to Laporte county, Indiana, and immediately applied himself to learning young ideas how to shoot, although he still continues to be a practical and an A No. 1 farmer. From 1852 to 1855 he was County Commissioner, and with one other exception has never held any official position. In politics, he was opposed to the war of 1861, and has consistently opposed the National Administrations ever since. He served so faithfully during the regular and special sessions of 1876 and 1877 in the House, that his calling and election was assured in the fall of 1878. Mr. Hosmer is quite a pleasant gentleman socially; is the youngest of five brothers, married and has three children of his own. In personal appearance he is light complexioned, and of medium height. His father died in LaPorte in 1838, and his mother lived to see four score years pass over her head. Post office address of Representative Hosmer is at Westville, Indiana.

CHARLES S. HUBBARD,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM HENRY,

Was born in Milton, Wayne county, Indiana, September 1, 1829. In 1839 his father moved to Henry county, and settled near Knightstown, at which place the Honorable Representative now resides. He having been born with the loss of his right hand, his educational advantages were probably looked after more keenly than if he had been blessed with two good

hands. In early life he taught school, and soon after his majority, he engaged in general merchandising with his father, and has ever since been an active and successful merchant. In 1864, when the Soldiers' Orphan Home was established by the Legislature, Mr. Hubbard was elected one of the Trustees. He is a member of the "Society of Friends," and is actively interested in the work of education, temperance and Sabbath Schools. This is his second term as Representative from Henry county. In politics he has been a Republican since the birth of the party, and in fact helped to build the grand old party. His post office address is Knightstown, Henry county, Indiana.

ANDREW HUMPHREYS,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM GREENE,

Was born March 30, 1821, in Andrews county, Tennessee. He moved to Indiana in 1827, and resided for a season in Putnam county, then removed to Linton, Greene county, where he now resides. He received a good common school education, the best that could be had at that time without the expenditure of a small fortune. Representative Humphreys has always been an ardent Democrat, and in times of great political excitement violently so. He is a man of strong convictions, and resolute to assert the principles he conceives to be right. At a very early age he was elected constable of Putnam county, then Justice of the Peace. In 1849 Mr. Humphreys was elected to the Legislature and was kept continuously there for the ensuing eight years in one branch or the other.

In 1859 he received an appointment as Indian Agent of Utah under President Buchanan, serving for three years. when he resigned the position and returned to Indiana. Altogether he has been a member of the Legislature for fifteen

sessions, and served the unexpired term of Uncle Jimmy Williams in Congress.

This long experience in State legislation, along with his brief term in Congress, gives him a great advantage over, perhaps any other member of the Legislature. This experience is his stronghold, and his personal independence enables him to do good work in all legitimate lines, and to check also the adoption of impolitic laws.

In personal appearance Mr. Humphreys is a fair looking old gentleman, well preserved in body, and looks as if he was destined to be a centenarian. The address of Mr. Humphreys is at Linton, Ind.

GUSTAVE HUTHSTEINER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM PERRY.

Mr. Huthsteiner is a native of Siegen, Prussia, where he was born April 17, 1844, but might be almost termed an American, since with his parents he came to Cincinnati, Ohio when only three years of age. In that city he was raised, educated in the free schools, and graduated with high honors at the Woodward High School, of Cincinnati, in June, 1861. He then commenced teaching in the public schools, but his adopted country needing his services he turned away from the schoolmaster's desk and entered the army as a private in the Fifth Ohio Cavalry. Returning afterward to the peaceful vocation he again pursued the profession of teaching for a while. In 1864 Mr. Huthsteiner removed to Tell City, Ind. where he became a prominent and influential citizen. He was elected Treasurer of Perry county for two successive terms. Organized the National bank in Tell City and was for three years cashier of the same. The bank was then

converted into a private bank of which he is now the manager.

Mr. Huthsteiner is married and has several little ones. He believes in the right of woman to enter into any field of labor of which she is capable, and Mrs. Huthsteiner therefore fills the responsible position of cashier of the bank, and during her husband's absence assumes its entire superintendence. Mr. Huthsteiner is also closely connected with the large manufacturing interests of Tell City. He is a liberal minded gentleman and a Democrat of the progressive order. Personally rather below the medium stature, he bears the distinguishing marks of cultivation and refinement; he has brown hair inclined to curl, a large expressive gray eye, clear complexion, broad brow and finely formed head, a genial and intelligent man who watches faithfully the best interests of his constituents.

ARCHIBALD JOHNSON,

JOINT REPRESENTATIVE FROM PARKE AND MONTGOMERY,

Was born August 28, 1810, in Wilkes county, North Carolina, and moved to Indiana in the year 1818, when the State was, comparatively speaking, "a howling wilderness." His schooling, taken altogether, would not aggregate twelve months' time — part of which was in the very poorest kind of schools in North Carolina, and the balance in Putnam county, in her earliest day. His life occupation has been that of farming, but at present he is an extensive stock raiser, as well as carrying on his farm. He has held numerous political offices. He was twice elected Sheriff of Putnam county, holding the office from 1844 to 1848; elected to the Legislature in 1848 and 1852 to represent Putnam county in the Lower House, and represented the county in the Senate in 1856, and Putnam and Clay counties in the Senate in 1860.

He moved to Montgomery county during 1865 and was elected to the Senate in 1868, from that county, and again was elected in 1878 for Montgomery and Parke counties by a majority of 558 votes. He has served in the Lower House four sessions, or eight yeas, and in the Senate six regular and three special sessions, or twelve years in the Senate, making twenty years in the Legislature of Indiana. He has made eleven canvasses for office, and nine of the eleven were successful ones.

Prior to 1874, Mr. Johnson was a Democrat of the Jacksonian school, but times have changed and Mr. Johnson's politics are now simon pure National Greenback. He is one of the foremost men of his party to-day, and his advice is sought upon all principal moves by the leaders of the new party. His post office address is Darlington, Montgomery county, Ind.

ROBERT KELLEY,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM PARKE,

Was born in Miami county, Ohio, in 1819, and has lived in this State, in all, about forty years. Politically, Mr. Kelley was an Administration Whig, then a Republican, and after the war he published for a period of eight years a Republican newspaper, in southwest Missouri, and was one of the leading politicians of that State, being chosen delegate for the State at large to the National Convention which nominated Gen. Grant for the second term. Mr. Kelley has always taken an active part in politics in his county, and never voted a scratched or mixed ticket in his life. He has the most unbounded confidence of his political friends, who are always sure his vote will be on the right side. Mr. Kelley was elected by four hundred and ninety-nine majority, and is serving his first term. He is a strict temperance man, holding very decided views, and is a farmer by occupation. His post office address is Bloomingdale, Ind.

ISAAC N. KESTER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM VIGO,

Was born November 2, 1832, in Spencer county, Kentucky. Mr. Kester was the oldest of seven sons. His father was poor and unhealthy, and died when the eldest son was but twelve years of age, leaving him to manage the farm and care for the large family. He was equal to the emergency, but it left him little or no time to devote to educating himself. During the winter months he went to school but little and very irregularly, consequently his education was limited. The family moved to Indiana in the fall of 1853, and settled in Vigo county, where they have continued to reside ever since. Mr. Kester was married January 26th, 1861, and is the father of five little motherless children, which he is trying to educate and prepare for the battles of life. Politically, he was raised a Whig, but never voted the ticket, and upon the death of that party, he found a loving, congenial mother in the Democratic party. Has often been solicited, but never was a candidate for office until elected in October, 1878. His post office address is Pimento, Vigo county, Ind.

THOMAS M. KIRKPATRICK,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM HOWARD,

Who is a native of Ohio, was born May 2, 1820. He emigrated to Indiana in 1834 and for fifty years has resided in this State. He lived on the line of Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties until 1843, at which time he removed to the "Miami Reserve," as that section of the State was then designated. Previous to removal he married Miss M. J. Baldwin, who resided west of Crawfordsville. Mr. Kirkpatrick has

followed the occupation of a farmer, living on the same farm for thirty-five years, which is located two miles west of Kokomo.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, as his name indicates, is of Scottish descent. He is a liberal-minded Republican, always ready to do his full share in whatever may result in the good of the State or nation. During the war of the rebellion he served in the Thirteenth Regiment Indiana Volunteers and participating in the trials and dangers of the campaign. Mr. Kirkpatrick has been often called to positions of trust and honor, having served as Justice of the Peace for six years. He was elected Sheriff of Howard county, serving two years; was County Commissioner for two years, and acted as Township Trustee for three terms. He is now filling his seat in the legislative Assembly for the third term, making six years he has taken part in framing the laws of the State. He is a well-built man, weighing about 225 pounds and is a perfect type of physical health, and temperate in all things.

CHARLES O. LEHMAN,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM JOHNSON,

Was born in Rhenish, Bavaria, on the 23rd of December, 1840, and emigrated to America in 1854, settling in Indiana in the year 1860. He is a Democrat in politics, and a merchant and manufacturer by occupation. Mr. Lehman is the junior member of the firm of Dalmbert, Sergeant & Co., of the Saxony Woolen Mills, Columbus, Indiana. He served as a member of the last House and was re-elected to the present Legislature by a majority of twenty-eight votes. Mr. Lehman is physically inclined to be as good looking as he is modest and unassuming. He is about five feet seven inches in

height, rather slender in contour and weighs in the neighborhood of 175 lbs. His complexion is a little dark, and with his jet black hair and eyes and his polished manners he is admired and respected by all his co-laborers. Edinburgh, Johnson county, is his post office address.

THOMAS J. LINDLEY,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM HAMILTON,

Was born October 7, 1843, near Westfield, Hamilton county, Indiana, of Quaker parents. He was raised upon a farm, receiving the benefit of a common school education. At the outbreak of the late war, Mr. Lindley was a student at Adrian College, Michigan. Leaving his studies he enlisted in Company H, Fifty-Seventh Regiment Indiana Volunteers, from which regiment he was discharged after nearly two years service. He re-enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Indiana Regiment, serving the full term for which the regiment enlisted; and again entering the service as a private in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-Seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and receiving a commission as First Lieutenant before his term of service had expired.

Returning again to civil life he engaged in agricultural pursuits, on the farm on which he was born. In 1867, he married one of Henry county's most accomplished daughters, Miss Harriet J. Blair. At the age of twenty-four he served a term as Sheriff of his county, and again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1878 he was elected to the present Legislature over the Hon. James A. McCullen, the Democratic, Independent, Greenback, Fiat candidate.

Mr. Lindley has always been a Republican, and in favor

of specie resumption, a protective tariff, and the perpetuity of the American Union. He is a member of the M. E. Church. His post office address is Westfield, Hamilton county.

NOAH J. MAJOR,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM MORGAN,

Was born August 14, 1823, in Brookville, Ind. His parents and grand-parents were natives of Pennsylvania. In 1832 Wm. A. Major moved to a farm near Martinsville, Ind., and there the subject of this sketch has continued to reside ever since, ranking among the best farmers and stock-raisers of Morgan county. His education was extra good for that day. He has been an elder and minister in the Christian Church for twenty-five years, rendering such services to the Church as time and opportunity would admit of, without any pecuniary compensation whatever. He takes rank among the strongest and most consistent temperance men, denouncing in unmeasured terms the common practice of using intoxicating drinks in election canvasses. He is opposed to secret societies, especially in politics. He was a Whig in politics, casting his maiden vote for Henry Clay. Always an anti-slavery man, he joined the Republican party at the breaking out of the war. He was elected a Representative in 1864, over Alfred Ennis, the Democratic nominee.

In 1870 he received the nomination of a part of the Republican party of his county, and by aid of an almost solid Democratic vote, was elected. After the passage of the resumption act, he formally withdrew from the Republican party. In 1876 he was again a candidate upon the Independent ticket, against Major G. W. Grubbs, Republican, and James M. Stafford, Democrat; Major Grubbs being elected by a plural-

ity vote. In 1878 he was triumphantly elected over Colonel James H. Jordan, the very able and popular Republican nominee. He is not, strictly speaking, a "party man" in the common acceptance of the term, but does just what he regards as right, just and proper. His post office address is at Martinsville.

WALTER MARCH,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM DELAWARE,

Was born in the year 1814, in Worcester county, Massachusetts, of English stock, his parents arriving in this country fifteen years after the celebrated Mayflower landed. Judge March located in Indiana in 1841, and has always resided in Delaware county. He is a lawyer by profession, and has attained great distinction in the practice of his profession. In 1854 Judge March severed his connection with the Democratic party, and united with the Union or Republican party. He has recently experienced a slight change of heart, politically, and holds that party should be an instrument, not an end. He is in favor of a low rate of interest, if any law on the subject is passed; of a liberal exemption; of prompt and efficient collection laws to operate upon all property not covered by the exemption laws; of a just and equitable fee and salary bill for all public servants; and has great faith in the destiny of the Republic. Was a member of the State Senate from 1856 to 1864, and a member of the Constitutional Convention, and of the Commission to revise the code of pleading and practice; has also served his county as Judge of the Common Pleas Court. Judge March is making a splendid record as a Legislator in the interests of the people, who will no doubt in future honor themselves by honoring him with their suffrage. His post office address is Muncie.

JACOB W. MESSICK,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM VANDERBURGH,

Was born in 1830, in Hamilton, Ohio, and when but eight years of age moved to Indiana, settling in Madison, where he was educated at the city schools. When fifteen years of age, he took service with Crawford & Lewis, founders, at Madison, and under their tutelage learned the trade of an iron moulder. He has continued in the foundry business ever since learning his trade. In 1854 he removed to Evansville, and has had charge of the City Foundry there for twenty years, excepting the three and a half years spent in the army. He enlisted as a private, was made a non-commissioned officer, afterwards promoted to a Second-Lieutenancy, and when mustered out of service was Captain of his company, in the Forty-second Indiana Regiment. He spent several months in the celebrated and notorious Libby Prison, in company with Colonel Streight, now Senator from Marion county. He has always been an ardent Republican, and was elected to his present seat by 285 majority. This is his first term as a legislator, and he has never held any other official position. He is a married man, and his post office address is at Evansville.

ROBERT W. MIERS,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM MONROE,

Was born on his father's farm in Decatur county, this State June 27, 1848, where he continued to reside with his parents till the fall of 1867, when he entered the Preparatory Department of the State University. He made the most of his opportunities, and graduated with honor from the Literary

Department in 1870. He immediately entered the Law Department, from which he graduated in 1871, and immediately secured a co-partnership with his former instructor, Hon. D. R. Eckles. He received the Democratic nomination for Prosecuting Attorney for the Tenth Judicial Circuit in 1874, and notwithstanding the circuit was reliably Republican, he received the election, and was re-elected in 1876. The importance attached to the present Legislature was recognized by all parties, and their best men put forth, Mr. Miers received the nomination of his party, and although the race was an extremely doubtful one, he accepted the nomination at a great pecuniary sacrifice to himself, and vigorously entered the canvass. That his selection was a fortunate one for his party is evidenced by the fact that he was not only triumphantly elected, but the entire State ticket received a majority in his county, for the first time in many years.

Mr. Miers is one of the noblest specimens of perfect manhood on the Legislature hall; large and handsomely framed, his face beams with intellect, and the generous expression of the liberal minded gentleman. He is deservedly popular, exceedingly well spoken, and is an active worker on important committees. The future has for him the promise of a proud career, and his constituents will no doubt place him in a yet more honorable position.

SAMUEL H. MITCHELL,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM WASHINGTON,

Was born July 7th, 1846, in Washington county, Indiana. His father was a native of old Kentucky, and his mother of North Carolina. The first sixteen years of his life were spent on a farm, when he was apprenticed to learn carpentering, which he did in five years, attending the common

schools during the winter. He worked during Saturdays, holidays, and his leisure hours out of school for his board. In 1867-68 he taught school, and in 1869 removed to Missouri, where he lived about three years, teaching school and running a saw mill, in order to get means to give himself a better education. He graduated at the Indiana State University, June 13th, 1877, and has spent the most of the last eleven years in teaching school. He is a devout believer in the Christian religion, and is a member and minister of the Christian Church. His motto through life has been "Be true to self and prove false to no man."

His father was a Jeffersonian Democrat, and Representative Mitchell's blood runs in the same political channel. His political belief is, "that Democracy is, and always has been, a true friend to the mass of the people." His post office address is at Beck's Mills, Washington county.

J. SHANNON NAVE,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM FOUNTAIN,

Was born in the year 1850, in Fountain county, Indiana, on the celebrated Coal creek. He was educated at the State University at Bloomington, Ind., and graduated in law, from the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. His early life was spent on a farm. He is a single man, of fine personal appearance, has black hair and eyes, and mustaches to match.

In politics Mr. Nave has been a Democrat at all times, in all places and under all circumstances, and he is not ashamed of it either. True to his party in times that have tried the true Democratic soul, when the time of success has again arrived, it was fit and proper that Mr. Nave should be selected to represent the Democracy of Fountain in the halls of the State House. He was elected by 115 majority and receives his mail at Attica.

J. D. OSBORN,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM ELKHART AND NOBLE,

Was born in 1830. In 1839 his father moved from Steuben county, New York, to St. Joseph county, Michigan, and resided there until 1850. He then went to California by the overland route. There being no Pullman Palace coaches on that line just at that period, his journey was quite an undertaking. He remained in the far west for seven years, when he returned to the states and settled in Goshen, Indiana, and has continued to reside there ever since. Mr. Osborn's educational opportunities in boyhood were confined to the common schools of the state, but he demonstrated the fact that the system of common schools in Indiana are capable of giving a good education to those who will apply themselves assiduously, they having brains to begin with. Learning the law, and proceeding to practice his profession, Mr. Osborn was called upon to don the ermine of Judgeship of the Circuit Court, and discharged his official duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. He was editor of the Goshen Democrat for nearly four years, and also edited the South Bend Union for two years. He is a Democrat in politics. Goshen is his address.

JAMES OSBORN,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM VERMILLION,

Was born in 1838, in the county he now represents, and has spent his entire life-time within its borders. His education was very limited, in fact those were pioneer days and even log school houses were few and far between, and the one in which the subject of our sketch learned his abs, ebs, ibs, etc., was

among the first built in the settlement of this part of the country. His only "collegiate course" was for four months in a second-handed or "grade school" of those days. Farming was the rule in those days and everybody got along in harmony and there was no need of lawyers and newspaper-editors and reporters and other disturbers of the public peace, hence Mr. Osborn chose the quiet, independent life of a farmer. In 1874 he was elected Treasurer of his county and served one term and held no other office until called to serve as a legislator. His post office address is Hillsdale.

JOHN OVERMYER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM JENNINGS,

Was born November 18, 1844, in Pickaway county, Ohio. He was brought by his father to Indiana when he was but four years of age, and has always resided in this State. In 1867 he graduated at Asbury University, at Greencastle, Ind., having completed the regular classical course of study.

In 1868 he was elected to the Legislature from Jennings county, and has always taken an active part in politics, serving as Chairman in county committees, and as a member of the State Central Committee. In 1872 and 1873, he was Reading Clerk in the Senate, and in 1875 principal Secretary of the Senate. In 1876 he was again elected to the Legislature from Jennings county, and was chosen Speaker of the House in 1877. In 1878 he was again elected to the Legislature.

Mr. Overmeyer is a lawyer by profession and a staunch Republican in politics. His post office address is at North Vernon.

ARNET R. OWEN,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM WARREN,

Was born February 13, 1853, at Bloomington, Ind., and has always lived in Hoosierdom, with the exception of two years at Danville, Ill. He was placed in school when but five years of age, and remained there until fourteen years old when, by the death of his father, he was left an orphan, his mother having died when he was an infant. He was offered a cadetship at West Point, but preferred to accept his brother's invitation to live with him at Oxford, Ind., and read law after he should become of age.

After working in the Tribune office for two years, he again entered school, where he remained until 1871, when the Christian Church at Oxford employed him to succeed his brother, their pastor. He was thus engaged for two years, when he received a call from Danville, Ill. He removed there, and was pastor of the Christian Church until the spring of 1876, when he came to Williamsport, Ind., and entered upon the practice of law. He was thus occupied when elected to his present position, his majority being about 500. He attained considerable notoriety during the campaign as a stump speaker.

Mr. Owen is one of the youngest members on the floor, is of medium size, and of prepossessing appearance. He has a bright dark eye, and light brown hair; is clear and forcible in speech, and possessed of excellent command of language. His post office address is Williamsport.

DR. WILLIAM PERRY,

JOINT REPRESENTATIVE FROM FULTON, PULASKI, AND STARKE,

Was born September 28, 1837, in Greene county, Pennsylvania, and moved to Indiana and settled in Cass county, in

1852. His parents were both American born. Young Perry only enjoyed such educational facilities as the village schools of those days afforded. He served his time—seven years—at the stonemason and bricklaying trade, and at the age of twenty-two he concluded he was cut out for an M. D., and so he began to read medicine. There were many ups and downs during this part of the Doctor's life, and he met with many discouragements, as he was without means of support while pursuing his studies. He worked for Dr. Thos. Crook, brother of the General, in Cass county, and studied nights and odd days, until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted as a private in Company G., 73rd Regiment, Indiana Infantry, for three years. He was with Col. Streight when on a raid into the enemies lines, and was captured near Rome, Georgia. After remaining a prisoner some time, he was exchanged and sent north, and when the "cruel war was over" he moved to Starke county, and entered upon the practice of his profession, and has continued to reside there since 1866. In politics the Doctor is a staunch Democrat, one not ashamed to stand up before the world and avow the principles of his party through good and through evil report. His post office address is North Judson, Starke county.

GEORGE IRVING REED,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM HOWARD AND MIAMI.

The above named gentleman, who resides in Peru, and who is editor of the Peru Republican, was born December 14th, 1838, in Cass county, Indiana. Reared on a farm from the age of seventeen to twenty-five years, he taught country school in winter to raise money to pay expenses incurred by attending school during spring and fall. Worked in the har-

vest field each summer and also assisted in sowing a crop of wheat each year. Attended school in the old Eel River Seminary at Logansport. Also attended select schools elsewhere. Took a classical course and graduated from Union Christian College, June 1866. Went to Peru immediately. Was employed one year as superintendent of graded school in that city; afterwards held the office of school examiner in Miami county three years, and performed the duties in addition to conducting the Peru Republican, of which he became a proprietor in 1868. Held no other position but that of President of the School Board of the city of Peru.

That Mr. Reed is interested in educational matters is made apparent by the determination with which he prosecuted his studies and acquired for himself an education and the assistance he has rendered to others seeking to attain the same object. For twelve years he has edited and conducted a paper devoted to the interests of his county, and it is but just that the people of his district should recognize by his election the service he has rendered. The pen is the great civilizer of the world—the best defender of human rights and human liberty. Mr. Reed is only forty-one years of age, yet his hair and beard are quite gray, although his face and clear blue eye deny the asservation that he belongs to the antediluvian era.

ELIHUE REICHELDERFER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALLEN,

Was born in 1843, in Pickaway county, Ohio. His parents, as the name would indicate, were of German origin, but had resided for some years prior to the birth of the subject of our sketch in the State of Ohio. He received a limited education, and in 1861 he moved to Indiana and engaged as a mer-

chant in the village of Marysville, Clarke county. He served for three years in the 30th Regt. Ind. Vol. as a private. The county of Allen, which he at present represents, is the second county in the State in population, as well as political influence, and we may add is making rapid strides towards a first-class ascendancy. The vigorous devotion to the interests of his constituents which Mr. Reichelderfer evinces, together with his strict adherence to everything he deems Democratic makes him formidable as a Representative, and influential as a man. He is never afraid of consequences when he thinks he is right. He is about six feet in height, and weighs perhaps two hundred pounds, of light complexion, with gray eyes, black hair and light mustache, making him prepossessing in appearance. Monroeville, Ind., is his post office.

ED ROBESON,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM TIPPECANOE,

Is a Hoosier to the "manor born," having lived his entire lifetime in Tippecanoe county, his birth place in 1839. Ed is not one of "them dam literary fellows," as old Simeon Cameron would say, but having had a good common school education, he applied himself to business and now ranks among the sharpest and shrewdest men of his county. In 1836 his father established a woolen mill at Dayton, Indiana, and this is now managed by the subject of our sketch.

In personal appearance, Mr. Robinson is far above the average—in fact, is very handsome, and as modest and unassuming as he is good looking. Several Indianapolis fair belles "honed" after him until the secret became known that he was a married man. Mr. Robeson is a square toed Republican, and can be reached by mail at Dayton.

JAMES M. RODMAN,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM BENTON AND NEWTON,

Was born March 19, 1842, in Shelby county, Ill. He moved with his parents to Parke county, Ind., when but five years old, where he resided until the breaking out of the late rebellion. Enlisting in 1861, at the age of nineteen, for three years or during the war, in the Twenty-first Regiment or First Indiana Heavy Artillery, passing through the many dangerous scenes unharmed, to be finally attacked with typhoid fever so prevalent in the marshy districts about Brashear City, La. He but partially recovered from this attack, and so disabled was he for duty that he was honorably discharged from the service in 1863. After returning to civil life, he engaged in the study of medicine and entered upon the practice of his adopted profession in 1866.

In 1866 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah F. Norwood, daughter of W. G. W. Norwood, and grand-daughter of George Norwood, one of the oldest residents of the city of Indianapolis. In 1871 he removed to Benton county, where he has since resided, dividing his time between agricultural pursuits and the practice of his profession. He has served his county as Assessor by appointment, and as Trustee of the township in which he resides, and has filled several other important positions in a manner quite creditable to himself. He is a genuine Republican, having imbibed the principles of that party in his youth and carried them into effect in his manhood. Was elected Representative during the fall of 1878, and is now serving his first term. He has never had any legislative experience heretofore. His post office address is at Fowler.

CHARLES BARKER ROBINSON,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM MARION,

Was born March 21, 1818, in the town of Limington, Maine. His life from two years of age until twenty-three was one of continual ups and downs, of trials and tribulations, working first on a farm, then at a knife and fork factory, then farming and in general teaming with an ox team, earning from three to ten dollars per month. In 1841 he was a resident of Cornish, Maine, where he married, and in 1845 removed to Lawrence, Mass., where he assisted in building the dam across the Merrimac river. It was here also that Mr. Robinson did his first railroad work, that of loading ship timber on the cars, pumping water by hand for the locomotives and sawing wood with a common saw and buck. His next step was preparing iron for track-laying; cutting, straightening or curving it. He was next employed in laying track, at which he worked a year. He then moved to Dover, New Hampshire, where he continued track-laying and road-building for three years, before going to Western New York. He was for a short time employed on the Rochester and Niagara Falls Railroad, the New York and Erie, the Canandaigua and Niagara Falls Railroad and then back to the Rochester and Niagara Falls road.

In August, 1853, he came west and settled at Logansport, Ind., and for three years aided in constructing the Toledo, Wabash and Western Railroad, when he came to Indianapolis and was appointed roadmaster on the Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Railroad and served one and one-half years. He served six years as assistant superintendent of the same road under David Macy, then President and General Superintendent. The Union Railway Company, of this city, recognizing his ability as a railroad man, employed him for eight years as superintendent of their tracks, after which he was

made General Superintendent of the Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Railroad, and served in that capacity for two years, being succeeded by the present Manager, V. T. Malott, Esq., Since 1874 he has been engaged with the Indianapolis, Bloomington and Western Railroad, as yardmaster.

In politics Mr. Robinson is Republican and was elected in the fall of 1878 by a about 1,200 majority. He has never been a candidate for office prior to 1878. In personal appearance he strikes the casual observer as being "one born to command" and yet he is most kindly and affable in disposition.

WILLIAM W. ROOKER,

JOINT REPRESENTATIVE FROM HAMILTON AND TIPTON,

Was born April 14, 1825, in the county of Marion, State of Indiana, and spent his first eleven years in his native county, since which time he has resided in Hamilton county, adjoining Marion on the north. He is in every sense of the word a self made man, and an A No. 1 farmer. Besides being a first-class farmer he is a very successful "Apiarist," or bee-raiser, and his enemies have circulated a report to the effect that he is the author of

"How doth the little busy bee
Improve each shining hour,
And gather honey all the day
From every opening flower."

But all good citizens who know him believe this to be an electioneering dodge, and a lie made out of whole cloth. But this is a digression. In politics he is a National-Green-backer, and was elected to his present seat by 547 majority. He has never been connected with any former legislature and has never held any official positions. His address is at Matsville, Hamilton county.

EXUM SAINT,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM MADISON AND HENRY.

This gentleman was born in Henry county, Ind., in 1838, of Quaker parentage. He received a fair academical education at home, and attended Antioch College for two years. He then read law under Judge E. B. Martindale at Newcastle. The war breaking out found him in Iowa, where he enlisted in Company E, Fourth Iowa Cavalry, as a private, but was promoted to Captain of the company. He was at the battle of Pea Ridge, at the siege of Vicksburg and in the grand cavalry raid under Billy Wilson through Alabama and Georgia, and one of his last military acts was the arrest of Alex. H. Stephens, Vice President Confederate States of America, at his home at Crawfordsville, Ga., and attempted arrest of Robert H. Toombs, the latter escaping and going to Brazil, South America. Mr. Saint had only thirty men with him on the above expedition, and after returning to Atlanta with his prisoner there met Colonel Pritchard with Jeff. Davis, and the two started to Washington City with their prisoners of State; but Mr. Saint returned to his command after assisting in getting the party—which included C. C. Clay, Montgomery and others—aboard a United States transport on the Savannah River at Augusta, Ga.

At the close of the war, Captain Saint married Louisa Maxson, daughter of William Maxson, of West Liberty, Iowa, who was the intimate friend of John Brown, of Harper Ferry fame, and whose house was often the refuge of the hero of Ossawatimie and his most trusted followers and was their rendezvous the winter previous to the attack on Harper's Ferry, although he disapproved of that expedition and almost lost Brown's friendship by denouncing that folly, if such it was. Their intimacy grew up from a common zeal to settle

Kansas as a free State. Mrs. Saint is a cultivated lady and a noble specimen of the representative woman. They have three children and make their home in Newcastle.

In politics Mr Saint is a progressive Democrat, and was elected by the people, instead of the politicians, from a strong Republican county, where he is engaged in the law practice. Mr. Saint is thoroughly in earnest in his desire for every possible retrenchment, and is one of the most able speakers in the House. He is a firm advocate of woman's claims to public and political recognition. His adherence to principle and justice, his earnestness and integrity, make him a live man of influence. Personally, he has a frank, yet thoughtful, expression of countenance, is a gentleman of very prepossessing appearance, has a broad, full brow, hair of an iron gray color, large dark eyes and a peculiarly impressive manner of speech.

CHARLES EDWARD SCHOLL,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM CARROLL,

Was born May 21, 1843, in Frederick county, Maryland. His parents were both natives of that State. His father was of German, and his mother of English extraction. The father of our sketch is yet alive, but the mother died while Charles Edward was a mere child. He graduated at the University of Maryland, as a physician, carrying off the honors of his class, having been chosen as the valedictorian of the class. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Poolesville, Montgomery county, Maryland, and in June, 1875, he removed from there to the state of his adoption, Indiana, and located at Camden, Carroll county, where he now resides. He is a square-toed Democrat, steadfast in the faith, first, last and all the time. Camden is the post-office address of the gentleman from Carroll.

BARNARD SCHWITZER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM OWEN,

Was born in Germany in 1835, and considering that he is only forty-four years old Representative Schwitzer has been the most remarkable traveller of any man in the House. He came to America when he was sixteen years of age, and landed at Boston, where he worked at his trade, of confectioner, a year, when he went to sea on a whaling vessel where he served sixteen months, visiting the Sandwich Islands, Australia, and afterwards coasting along the shores of Asia and Africa. Returning to America he landed at Newport, Mass., where he visited many of the eastern cities, and then struck out for the West.

At Detroit he engaged in building the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad, and from thence he moved on in his adventures to see the great West, Illinois, Missouri, Pike's Peak, Salt Lake, and thence to California.

Returning to St. Louis he made the wisest move of his life; he got married in the Queen City, and settled down in the State of Ohio in business, where he made money, but was burned out, when, in poor health, he came to Indiana in 1867 and settled in Spencer, the county seat of Owen, which county he has now the honor of representing by a majority of 578. Schwitzer is a character. He makes life wherever he goes. His geniality makes him friends, while his extensive travels have made him both square and liberal. He has the honor of furnishing from his quarry at Spencer the concrete stone for the new State House. He is an active an efficient legislator. Spencer, Owen county, is his post office address.

JOHN P. C. SHANKS,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM DELAWARE AND JAY,

Was born June 17th, 1826, at Martinsburg, Va. His ancestors were of Irish descent. His grandfather served in the Continental army, from Lexington to Yorktown. His father was a soldier of the war of 1812, an elder brother served during the Mexican war and a younger one and himself during the rebellion. In 1839 the object of our sketch was taken with his father's family into the wilderness of Jay county, Indiana, to live, and for this reason his education was under the care of his father at his home, between the hours of labor. He worked at the carpenter's trade in Michigan in 1847, after which he commenced the study of law and was admitted to practice in 1850, during which year he acted as Auditor of his county and in the following fall was chosen Prosecuting Attorney of the Circuit Court of Jay county. In early life General Shanks was a Whig, and as such was elected in 1853 to the State Legislature. In 1855 he was defeated for advocating legal prohibition in the liquor traffic. Upon the death of the old Whig party he aided in organizing the Republican party. In 1860 he was chosen as a Representative to Congress, taking his seat July 4th, 1861, when Congress assembled in called session. He is the author of an important resolution, which afterwards became one of the articles of war, that the return of fugitive slaves to their masters rested wholly with the civil and not with the military department of the government. In the summer of 1863 he recruited the Seventh Regiment Indiana Cavalry, and was breveted a Brigadier General in the following February for meritorious conduct. Afterwards he was breveted a Major General, upon recommendation of Hon. E. M. Stanton, then Secretary of War. He was mustered out of the service in September, 1865, at Hempstead, Texas.

In 1866, 1868, 1870 and 1872, General Shank's constituents returned him to Congress, making his Congressional services in all ten years, where he acquitted himself with great honor. He was the author and earnest advocate of a great many good measures, all of which were in the interest of the people. During his Congressional service he labored for the independence of Crete from Turkish rule, and defended the movement so well that he received the thanks of the Greek and Cretan governments.

He, while a member of Congress and under its authority, made a most exhaustive report of over 1,200 pages on the "Treatment of Prisoners of War by the Confederate Authorities," going into the treatment of prisoners of war from the earliest ages, and advocating a system of "universal paroles," and as Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs of the House made a report of 800 pages on frauds against the Indians and Indian tribes. To prepare himself for the discharge of his duties he traveled for six summers among sixty-three tribes of Indians, including all hostile ones, over all the plains and Rocky and Sierra Nevada Mountains, where they resided, without guide or guard, generally accompanied by some member of his own family.

He was, in 1878, elected to the House of Representatives of Indiana, from Delaware and Jay counties. His post office address is Portland, Jay county.

JACOB H. SHAUCK,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM NOBLE,

Was born November 21, 1831, in Morrow county, Ohio, of German parentage. He received a fair education in early life, and afterwards graduated from Otterbein University,

Franklin county, Ohio, since which time he has employed himself and his time in tilling the soil and grinding other men's grists. Mr. Shauck devoted three years of the best part of his life in the ranks of the Union army, and has lived in Indiana about five years. In politics Mr. Shauck was originally an Abolitionist, until the birth of the Republican party, when he heartily espoused its cause until 1872, when a change of base politically, seemed absolutely necessary and he became a Democrat, but with exceedingly liberal proclivities. He was elected in 1878 from Noble county, by 257 majority, and is now serving his first term as a Legislator—in fact, has never held any other official position or office, except that of road supervisor. The address of the Representative from Noble is at Kendallville.

JAMES T. SHIELDS,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM JENNINGS,

Was born in the year 1822 in Jennings county, this State, was educated at the primitive schools of his county and at St. Charles, Missouri; afterwards chose the practice of medicine as a profession, and soon began its study, graduating at the Ohio Medical College. In 1848 he entered upon the practice of his profession at Dupont, and in 1865 moved to Seymour, where he has continued to reside to the present time. Representative Shields served in the lower house in the session of 1858-9, from Jennings county, and in the last general election in Jackson, he had a majority of 891 for his present position. The doctor possesses a large share of his father's grit. Fixed in his principles he never puts himself up at auction, or is never for sale at any price. With him

integrity is above rubies, and a good name is above riches. In short, he is a man inheriting some of the great private virtues of his father, the late Colonel James Shields, who was one of the heroes of the battle under General Jackson at New Orleans, and who died but two years since at the homestead in Seymour, Indiana.

SAMUEL SHUTT,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM DEKALB,

Was born in 1833, in Summit county, Ohio. His parents were poor and he only received an ordinary common school education. A part of his early life was spent in teaching school. He emigrated to Indiana in 1848, and settled near Spencerville, where he began the work of his life a farmer, with liberal views of sound political theories. In 1859 he went to California, via Panama and returned overland in 1867. He soon went west again, and visited all the territories west of the Rocky Mountains, and engaged, and was very successful in silver mining in Nevada. During 1869 and 1871 he visited California three times, going out the last time by the Northern Pacific Railroad. In the sessions of 1872 and 1873 he represented his, DeKalb county, in the Legislature. In the fall of 1878 he was again elected to represent his county in the House. His appearance indicates a man of good character as well as of sound principles and moral firmness. Such a man will faithfully represent his constituency. He is six feet in height, and weighs two hundred pounds, and is every inch a gentleman. He is a Democrat in politics, and receives his mail at Spencerville, DeKalb county.

SAMUEL S. SKINNER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM PORTER,

Was born July 24, 1824, in Wayne county, N. Y., and shortly after his birth his parents moved to Cataraugus county, N. Y., and from there in 1833 to Upper Canada. The family remained here until 1837, when in consequence of the liberal views of the elder Skinner, they were compelled to hunt a more congenial climate than that where Johnnie Bull reigned. They located in Porter county this State, and have since then lived in the same county. Ill health prevented him from being of service to his father on the farm, so he obtained a position in a store as clerk at four dollars per month. He followed this line of business for ten years and was then elected Marshal, the first one the city of Valparaiso ever had. Has been several times elected to the Council on account of his well known opposition to rings. He was for six years President of the First National Bank of Valparaiso, and is now living in the city, but spends most of his time on his farm. His maiden vote was cast for Henry Clay, but he has always been identified with the Republican party since its organization. He was elected to the present position by four hundred and seventy-seven majority over his Democratic opponent. His post office address is Valparaiso

GEORGE B. SLEETH,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM RUSH,

Was born in New York City, a few weeks after the arrival of his parents from Ireland. Afterwards his family removed to Pennsylvania and settled near Pittsburgh, where his parents soon died, while George was yet a mere child. He soon

made his way to Indiana, and hired to a livery keeper, and afterwards to Joseph Winship, a wealthy farmer. Here he worked during the summer months and went to school during the winter time, until he acquired a common school education, and money enough to pay his way a few terms at a farmer's college, in Ohio. He returned to Rush county and read law under Hon. Leonidas Sexton and Geo. C. Clark, of Rushville, and was a law partner of the latter for some years. Mr. Sleeth has no superior and few equals in point of ability as a lawyer in his part of the State, while as a speaker his voice, gestures and manners while speaking are pleasant to his hearers, yet his great strength lies in the profundity of his researches, and the logical arrangement of his thoughts. He was elected to the State Senate in 1872, and made a record while there, of which his constituents are justly proud. Mr. Sleeth possesses fine social qualities, a generous and kind disposition, and a large amount of liberality and respect for the opinions of others, which of course makes him many friends in every class of society. His post office address is Rushville.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SNODDY,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM HENDRICKS,

Was born November 19, 1815, in Bourbon county, Kentucky. Educational facilities in those days were limited to the old log school house, and the elder Snoddy's means being limited, the subject of our sketch could only receive a common school education, but he made the most of it. His father's family moved from Bourbon county in the year 1822, to Indianapolis, Indiana, remaining but a short time, they removed to Monroe county, and in 1831, located permanently

in Hendricks, where they now live. During the earlier days of Mr. Snoddy he combined school teaching with farming as a means of livelihood, and to further his educational advancement. It was during General Jackson's days that his father paid 26 per cent. interest on borrowed capital. In 1833 his mother purchased the farm upon which he now resides. In politics, Representative Snoddy is a Republican, having espoused the principles of that party upon the demise of the old Whig organization in 1856. He is a married man, his wife being a native of Edgar county, Illinois. His address is Danville.

EDWIN H. STEVENS.

REPRESENTATIVE FROM ELKHART,

Was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, February 12, 1822, and raised in Tioga county, New York. Moved west and settled in Elkhart in 1852. He had the advantage of a common school education. and afterwards graduated at the Oswego, N. Y. Academy. He is a married man and is a farmer by occupation, was a merchant in early life, and taught school for some years. He has always been a strong radical Republican in politics. Mr. Stevens is in personal appearance a well preserved old gentleman, being about five feet ten inches in height, of slender build and weighs in the neighborhood of 190 pounds. His whiskers and hair are gray, his eyes blue, and his complexion fair. He is noted among his neighbors for his genial manners and social qualities. His post office address is at Goshen.

JAMES F. STUCKER,

JOINT REPRESENTATIVE FROM CRAWFORD AND ORANGE,

Was born March 19, 1831, in Harrison county, Indiana. His ancestors were from Germany and Ireland, though his parents were American born, and were among the early settlers of Washington county, the elder Stucker having crossed the Ohio river where New Albany now stands in 1806. The only educational advantages that the object of this sketch ever had from schools, consisted in the fact of his having to walk three miles morning and night through five or six weeks of the worst part of the winter to the school house. Learned the carpenter's trade after he was twenty-one years old, and by means of which he was enabled to attend school a short time at Corydon, Indiana. In 1859 he again took the plow, but when the war broke out in 1861, he left his farm with his crops in and his stock on hand and enlisted as private in the 23rd Regiment Indiana Volunteers, and in July, 1863, was promoted to the Captaincy over both the Lieutenants of his Company, and served to the close of the war as Captain. In 1866 he removed to Paoli and entered into co-partnership with Frank King in the milling and farming business, and which he has carried on to the present time.

Mr. Stucker is a practical man in every sense of the word, and believes in paying for what you get and getting what you pay for—applying the rule to officials as in business transactions with merchants. He is a Democrat, clear cut, and was elected by one thousand one hundred and seventy-two majority in a district where the Republicans in each county elected their county officers at the same election. Has not been a member of any former Legislature, and the only office he has filled was that of Sheriff of Orange county for seven months. His post office address is at Paoli.

SAMUEL H. TAYLOR,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM DAVIESS,

Was born January 25, 1837, at Cumberland, Maryland, where he was educated. Here he read law and entered upon the practice of his profession until he removed to Washington, Ind., about the close of the war. Mr. Taylor was Postmaster of his native city under President Buchanan's administration, and soon after locating at Washington was elected Prosecuting Attorney of the Vincennes Circuit, holding the position for several years, until he resigned the office in May, 1873. Mr. Taylor was a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore in 1872 and to St. Louis in 1876. He has always been a Democrat, and has held many important positions of a less character than those mentioned; and, while being a party man, is liberal in his views, a staunch defender of the rights of the people and an advocate of woman's right to a recognition of political equality.

Mr. Taylor is one of the most dignified and stately gentlemen in the Assembly, a convincing and forcible speaker, and one of the influential working members of that body. He is a thorough parliamentarian, well informed and of sound judgment. He would grace a seat in the halls of Congress. He is commanding in appearance, being six feet in height, handsomely built and courteous in manner, is married and has two daughters grown to womanhood. He is engaged in the lucrative practice of his profession at Washington.

No better man could have been elected from the county of Daviess, and there is no position to which he may not aspire, no office within the gift of the people he is not worthy to fill.

OSCAR B. TAYLOR,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM LAGRANGE,

Was born June 10, 1827, in Portage county, Ohio. His parents were from New England, coming west when Oscar was but ten years of age, and settled in Lagrange county, being among the pioneers of Wolcottville. Representative Taylor was reared upon a farm, as was his ancestors before him, but gave up agricultural pursuits, upon attaining his majority, and engaged in mercantile pursuits, which he has followed perseveringly to the present time, with the exception of about five years. With the birth of the Republican party, Mr. Taylor espoused its cause, and has always been found advocating its principles, although not a strong partisan, with all the term implies. The position he now holds was without his own seeking, and was accepted only at the earnest request of his friends. It was a simon pure case of the office seeking the man. His post office is Wolcottville.

JOHN LEWIS TAYLOR,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM WARRICK,

Was born Augnst 30, 1850, and has always resided in Warrick county. His father and mother were raised in the same county, and brought up the young man to hard farm labor. He received an ordinary common school education until 1871, when he entered the University at Bloomington, Ind., but before completing a full classical course his means were exhausted and he returned home. In the summer of 1874 he taught a large select school, and afterwards for a year took charge of the public schools at Lynnville.

In 1875 he commenced reading law, while teaching his school, and in the following spring entered the law office of

Judge Handy as a law student. He was admitted to practice at the bar at Booneville in the following fall. He graduated at the Cincinnati Law School in 1878, and a few days after his return home, was nominated on the Democratic ticket as a candidate for Representative, and was elected by 789 majority.

In 1876 he made a vigorous canvass in company with the Hon. B. S. Fuller, Congressman from the First District, and in this canvass gained quite an honorable notoriety. He is both a Mason and an Odd Fellow and his confession of faith is that "the world is home, to do good is religion.

He was married to the accomplished Miss Katie E. Brackenridge, of Booneville, in 1879. He is one of the ablest young men of Southern Indiana, is a fine scholar and an honorable gentleman, full of energy, and knows no such word as fail. His post office address is at Booneville, Warrick county.

JOHN D. THAYER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM KOSCIUSKO,

Was born May 24, 1840, in Onandagua county, in the State of New York. Has resided in Indiana for the past thirty years. When first a citizen of this State, he resided at Peru and removed from thence to Marshall county in the year 1852, remaining there until 1864, when he removed to Warsaw, his home to the present time. His occupation is that of grain dealer, at which business he has been very successful.

Mr. Thayer served his county as a Representative during the regular and special sessions of 1872-3, and acquired such record as a Legislator that he was re-elected in the fall of 1878 to the lower branch of the Legislature. His majority was three hundred over his Democratic opponent. He is a Republican—firm in principle. Address the gentleman from Kosciusko at Warsaw.

MAURICE THOMPSON,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM MONTGOMERY,

Was born in Fairland, Montgomery county, Indiana, in 1844. The early portion of his life, and the years of his youth were spent in the sunny clime of Georgia. Reared and educated in the South, what wonder that when the war broke out he should espouse the cause of his adopted home. In 1868, after finishing a law course in Georgia, Mr. Thompson returned to Indiana. Settling in Crawfordsville he entered upon the practice of his profession. Here he married the lovely daughter of John Lee, one of the oldest railroad projectors in the State. Mr. Thompson has two fair faced children. As a Representative Mr. Thompson is fulfilling his duties with marked ability. Usually quiet and unassuming, when interested in a bill or important measure, he speaks with all the power born of eloquence.

Personally, Mr. Thompson is average in height, slenderly built but sinewy. He has a clear olive complexion, hair straight and black, worn after the fashion of poets, combed straight back from his forehead and falling below his neck. An eye that is dark and piercing yet bears in its depth the far away look of the idealist, the expression of the day dreamer. The outline of his face is greatly like the pictures of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, taken in his youth. Mr. Thompson is not only a Representative of Montgomery county, but he is also a representative of the literature of the State. "Hoosier Mosaics," his first published work, full of humor and pathos, stirs the emotions of laughter and tears. "The Witchery of Archery," and his poems prove the versatility of his genius and the high position to which he is entitled as a poet.

JOHN H. THORNBURG,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM WAYNE,

Was born November 5, 1824, in Jefferson township, Wayne county, Indiana. His parents were natives of Tennessee, and moved to this State after the close of the war of 1812, and settled in Wayne county where the object of this sketch was born. Mr. Thornburg received the best education the common schools of those days furnished, and has followed the plow all his life, as has his ancestors as a means of livelihood. At the age of twenty-four years he served as a justice of the peace for four years and afterwards taught school in the winter season for several terms. Prior to 1856 Mr. Thornburg's politics were fashioned after the principles of his time-honored political patron saint, Henry Clay. Since then and at present he is a Republican, having been elected in the very Gibraltar of Indiana Republicanism, Wayne county, by a majority of about 2,000. He has not been connected with any former Legislature and except that he was a justice of the peace has never filled any public position. His post office address is at Hagerstown.

CYRUS B. TULLEY,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM WHITLEY,

Was born August 18, 1839, in the county he now represents, and has never resided elsewhere. In his early days schools were a luxury, and consequently his literary education did not amount to much, but he was a close and untiring student of nature, and this fact has made him a man of great prominence in his portion of the State. He lived upon his farm

until 1865, in the meantime teaching several terms in the schools of his county, and in the fall of 1865 removed to Columbia city, the county seat of Whitley, where he read law. He has held numerous minor political offices, such as member of the Town Council, County Surveyor, Town Marshall, etc. In 1872-3 he was sent to the House and represented faithfully his county during the regular and special sessions of the General Assembly. He was again elected in the fall of 1878, as a reward for former efficient services. Since 1869 he has practiced law, being Deputy Prosecuting Attorney under Hon. Joseph S. Dailey—now a member of the same body as Mr. Tulley. He is a simon-pure Democrat and is considered one of the wheel-horses in his Congressional district. His post office address is Columbia City.

SQUIRE L. VANPELT,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM SHELBY,

Was born September 21, 1819, near Lebanon, Wayne county, Ohio. His ancestors, on his father's side, came from Holland nearly two hundred years ago, having been driven out of the country by the persistent persecutions of the Spaniards. His grandmother was of Scotch origin and came to America about the time her husband landed here from Holland. They settled first upon the banks of the Hudson River, emigrating to Ohio in 1792, settling in Wayne county, where the gentlemanly representative of this sketch was born. The family removed to Shelby county, Ind., in 1821, two years after the birth of their son Squire L., and some time before the organization of the county.

Mr. Vanpelt received only such educational advantages as he could gather from the common schools, but made the best of it under the circumstances. He was brought up as a far-

mer in Shelby county, where he has resided for the past fifty-eight years. Has filled several minor township offices; was sheriff of the county for four years, and Auditor for eight. Has also served as member of the City Council of Shelbyville for four years. Was elected on the Democratic ticket by nearly 2,800 majority, and is now serving his first term as a legislator. His post office address is at Shelbyville.

ROBERT VAN VALZAH,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM VIGO,

Was born April 9, 1843, in Mifflingburg, Union county, Pennsylvania, and was educated at the Baptist College, the Lewisburg University, and chose dentistry as a profession. The grand-parents of Mr. VanValzah settled upon the Hudson River, in the days of the celebrated Von Stuyvesants, the Vonder Donks and Wouter Von Twiller some two hundred years ago, but his parents were native born, moving to Pennsylvania some few years before their son Robert was born.

He came west in March, 1864, and settled in Terre Haute, where he has since resided. He was elected by the Democrats, with a majority of one thousand two hundred and twenty six over the Republicans and seven hundred and ten over the Nationals. He has not been connected with any former Legislature, but was a member of the Terre Haute City Government in 1872, and is now President of the City School Board. Mr. VanValzah is widely known as an active member of the order of Freemasons, and is at present Grand Master of the State. He is not yet in the prime of life, and will no doubt make his mark among the great men of his adopted State. His post office address is at Terre Haute.

SMITH VAWTER,

JOINT REPRESENTATIVE FROM JEFFERSON, JENNINGS AND SCOTT,
Was born in Scott county, Kentucky, November 3, 1806. His father was born in Orange county, Virginia, and his mother in Pennsylvania. His family moved to the wilderness of Indiana territory in 1807, making the first encampment near where the railroad round house now stands in North Madison, resided there and in Madison for eight years, and then located in Vernon, now the capital of Jennings county, and has lived there for the past 63 years. In his young days he wanted to be a "soldier boy" and rose from ensign to the command of the 21st Regiment, Indiana Militia. Was elected Sheriff in 1834, County Commissioner in 1838 and served six years. Was elected Representative in 1848, and again in 1856. Was one of the trustees of the Agricultural Fund (Purdue University) five years. Has been a merchant and farmer for more than forty years, and for the past six or eight years he is credited with occupying his time principally paying security debts for his neighbors, and has yet a few townships to hear from. Vernon is his post office.

ENOS L. WATSON,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM RANDOLPH,

Was born December 22, 1830, in Green county, Ohio. He was educated in the old seminary at Winchester, Ind. He was raised on a farm, and has taught school a portion of his life-time. He was County Surveyor four years, and served six years as Prosecuting Attorney for his county. He was elected to represent Randolph county in the Legislature of

1867-8. He has always been a Republican and has taken an active part in local politics. For twenty years past he has practiced law successfully. He was married in 1854, and is the father of four boys. He has indulged somewhat in the newspaper line, having started the Winchester Herald, as a Republican organ in 1872. His post office address is at Winchester.

JAMES H. WILLARD,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM FLOYD,

Was born in the city of New Albany, Indiana, in April, 1848. His father's family were among the original settlers of Oneida county, New York. The father, Ashbel P. Willard, came to the State of Indiana in 1846, and successively was Representative in the Legislature from Floyd county, Lieutenant Governor and Governor of the State, departing this life in 1860, while still Governor of the State.

Mr. Willard came to Indianapolis in 1854 and resided there until the death of his father. In 1861 he was a page in the House of Representatives, and also for a portion of that year was Deputy United States Marshal. He prepared for college in Middletown, Conn., and entered Wesleyan University of that place in the summer of 1864, taking the entrance prize for the first examination. In 1865 he entered the sophomore class of Hamilton College. During his college course he took several prizes, and his average was among the highest ever known in the college. After closing his college course he entered Columbia College Law School in New York city and was admitted to the bar of that State in 1869. The same year he left for Europe to finish his education, which he did by a three years' course in the College of

France and School of Law in Paris, and in the Law School of Vienna. After learning the European languages so as to speak them fluently, he made the grand tour, going into the center of Asia and through the Holy Land and across the Desert to Egypt and five hundred miles of the Nile. He made a thorough tour of Europe, returning near the close of 1871.

In 1872 he was elected to the Legislature from Floyd county and served during the session of 1872-3 as a member of the Committee of Ways and Means. He engaged in every canvass from that time until the present. Was elected this year against the combined forces of the Republicans and Nationals. He was second in the race for the nomination for Speaker on the Democratic side of the House. Mr. Willard is counted among the most eloquent speakers of the State and is a representative man of the young Democracy of the State. He is perhaps the only public speaker in the State who can address his fellow citizens equally well in German, French and English. During this session he is serving as Chairman of the Committee on Fees and Salaries and a member of the Committee of Ways and Means. He is one of the Democratic leaders on the floor of the House.

WILLIAM PERRY WIMMER,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM PUTNAM AND HENDRICKS,

Was born in Parke county, this State. His parents were of Dutch extraction, but both were born in Virginia. They came west and located in the woods, near Bridgeton, Parke county, in 1824, their nearest neighbor being twenty miles distant. When William was but fifteen years of age, he was

left an orphan, and from that time until July 6, 1860, he worked at his trade, a carpenter, and then enlisted in the Twenty-First Indiana Infantry, afterwards the First Heavy Artillery, and served continuously until January 10, 1866, when his regiment was mustered out of service. While in the army he participated in forty-three engagements, the most prominent of which were the sieges of Port Hudson, La., Forts Gaines and Morgan, Spanish Fort, and Fort Blakely, Alabama. He served on General Hurlburt's staff for awhile, inspecting the fortifications of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, and was also a Provost Judge in the city of New Orleans, and on Secret Police duty at Baton Rouge. Since returning from military life, he has been devoting his time to agricultural pursuits, on the Little Walnut Creek, in Putnam county.

Politically he is a National Greenbacker. He is a self-made man and expects to devote the remainder of his life in the interests of the working classes. Greencastle is his home and post-office address.

JOHN D. WORKS,

REPRESENTATIVE FROM SWITZERLAND AND OHIO,

Was born in 1848, in Ohio county, Indiana. Served two years in the Union army. Read law during 1867 and 1868 with Hon. A. C. Downey, of Rising Sun, Indiana, as preceptor, and was admitted to practice in 1868, since which he has devoted his entire time to his profession, in co-partnership with his father, James A. Works. Was a Republican from the organization of the party until 1874, when he was chairman of the County Central Committee of the Republicans of Switzerland county. He was elected to the present House in

1878 by a coalition of Nationals and Democrats, only ten days prior to the election. He led all other candidates on his ticket. Never has been a candidate for office, except the present position. His post office address is at Vevay, Switzerland county.

WEBSTER DIXON,

CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Was born January 9, 1854, in Paris, Jennings county, Ind. His grand-parents were of Irish and English antecedents, but Mr. Dixon's parents were native born Americans, coming west from Virginia and settling in Jennings county at a very early day in the history of Indiana. Mr. Dixon attended college at Bloomington four years and spent one year at the St. Louis Law University. After his return from St. Louis he read law with New & Batchelor at Vernon, and in 1878 moved to Seymour where he now resides and practices his profession. His father was, in politics, a Republican, and held the Sherifalty of his county for eight years, under Republican administration, but the son took the Democratic shute early in life and is now reaping a part of his reward. He was a candidate in 1876 against Hon. John Overmyer for the House and was defeated by only 94 votes, while General Ben Harrison, candidate for Governor, carried the county by 204 majority. Mr. Dixon has always taken an active part in political campaigns, especially that of the State canvass in 1878, and cast his first vote for Samuel J. Tilden in 1877. His corps of assistants are:

Rufus W. Allen, Greencastle; Cassius B. Cooper, Columbus; M. E. Locke, Columbus; Ed. W. Cooper, Vincennes; J. P. Hawkins, Plymouth; Oscar W. Chilton, Orleans; Theodore Biddle, Anderson; John K. Polk McBride, Sullivan.

THOMAS C. MAYS,

ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Was born February 25, 1840, in Waynesburg, Starke county, Ohio, where he resided until he was fifteen years of age, during which time he attended the ordinary schools of the county. In 1856 he moved to Meadville, Pennsylvania, where he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a printer, which he did in three years time, and working at that business until he enlisted in the 65th Ohio Regiment, organized by Senator John Sherman, at Mansfield, Ohio. Was in all the great battles under Buell, Rosencranz and Thomas. Was wounded at Stone River, and at Chicamauga, and afterwards served on the staff of Gen. Rosencranz. Has never held any political position, but was a candidate for Clerk on the Democratic ticket in the fall of 1878 for Clerk of his county, and suffered defeat by reason of the Greenback movement. He has published a newspaper for eight years at Auburn, which is his post office address.

The names of his assistants are as follows: J. H. Anderson, Jeffersonville; N. E. Alexander, Indianapolis; Henry Wakeman, Kendallville; M. H. Corbin, Plymouth; D. N. Taylor, Terre Haute; C. Cooper, Columbus; Henry V. Somes, Vincennes.

DAVID B. WILSON,

DOORKEEPER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Was born November 27, 1836, in Dayton, Ohio. Received a good common school education and has been employed all his life time at his trade, that of a carriage trimmer. From 1848 to the breaking out of the war in 1861, he lived at his

home in Kentucky, and moved to Indiana with his father's family making his home in Shelby county where he has since resided. Mr. Wilson has never held any political elective office, but served a term by appointment under Andrew Johnson as Assistant Inspector of the Shelbyville district and has never been a candidate for the suffrages of the people. In politics he is Democratic, the virtues of his party being strongly imbued in his character. His religion is that of an Episcopalian, and in the private walks of life he is above reproach or suspicion. He is assisted in his arduous duties by the following corps of gentlemen : William Nelson, North Vernon; George A. Ricketts, Greencastle; W. J. Craycraft, Shelbyville; Robert McKahan, Anderson; Gennings Larter, Bedford; Thomas McDaniels, Laurel; William Howston, Indianapolis; Alexander McConnell, Angola; Samuel H. Wilson, Indianapolis.

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